

**Great Falls Public Library**  
**Board of Trustees Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 26, 2023**  
**Great Falls Public Library – Cordingley Room (Basement of the Library)**  
*(Virtual access to meeting was available upon request)*  
**4:30 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Anne Bulger, Ms. Jessica Crist, Ms. Sam DeForest and Ms. Whitney Olson.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Susan Wolff - City of Great Falls Commissioner, Ms.

EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rae Grulkowski - Cascade County Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Ms. Susie McIntyre, Ms. Sarah Cawley, Mr. Jake Sorich, and Mr. Aaron Kueffler

GUESTS PRESENT: Ms. Sandy Rice – GFPL Foundation liaison, Ms. Brianne Laurin- GFPL Executive Director, Richard Irving – Resident of Great Falls, Susan Lee – Resident of Great Falls, Keith Duncan – Resident of Great Falls, Ginny Rogliano – Resident of Cascade County, Jenn Rowell – The Electric

Ms. Olson called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

Ms. Crist made a motion to move the staff introductions to the beginning of the meeting. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon having none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sarah Cawley and Mr. Jake Sorach introduced themselves and talked about their positions at the Library and how they came to be at the Library. When they were done they left the meeting.

**I. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Ms. Olson asked if anyone had additional items to add or remove from the agenda approval.

Ms. Crist moved that the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees approve the agenda items with adjustment. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon having none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

## **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Olson asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee regarding the consent agenda.

Ms. McIntyre answered questions as they were asked.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees approves the consent agenda. Ms. Bulger seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none she called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

## **III. DIRECTORS REPORT**

Ms. McIntyre presented her Director's report and answered questions as they were asked.

## **IV. GFPL FOUNDATION REPORT**

Ms. Rice informed everyone that the planning for the Book-a-thon is underway. They expect it to begin late October/early November.

Raise a pint night is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Mighty Mo.

## **V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

## **VI. BOARD REPORTS**

Ms. Olson gave a report from the Logo Committee and the Library Park committee.

## **VII. PROPOSALS/COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES**

Nothing to report

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented or comments given.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion was had regarding the board appointment recommendations. Ms. Olson stated that 13 people had applied for the two open positions. 2 withdrew leaving 11 to be interviewed. Ms. Wolff thanked everyone that applied. Ms. Olson explained the

interview process and asked if anyone had questions. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson asked for a motion.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees recommend that the city commission appoint Anne Bulger to the library board for a full 5-year term ending in June 2028. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson read a statement regarding the choice for recommendation. Ms. Rice read a letter from Ms. Jane Weber in support of Ms. Bulger. Ms. Olson opened for public comment, upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed with three yes vote. Ms. Bulger abstained from voting.

Ms. DeForest moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees recommend that the city commission appoint Jerry Hopkins, Jr. to the library board to complete a term vacated by Mr. Brad Eatherly ending in June 2024. Ms. Crist seconded the motion. Ms. Olson read a statement regarding the choice for recommendation. Ms. Rice read a letter from Ms. Jane Weber in support of Ms. Bulger. Ms. Olson opened for public comment, upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed with three yes vote. Ms. Bulger abstained from voting.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Irving address the board.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Olson asked if there were any other questions, upon hearing none she would entertain a motion.

Ms. Bulger moved that the Great Falls Library Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. Ms. DeForest seconded the motion. Ms. Olson opened for any board discussion or public comment. Upon hearing none, Ms. Olson called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Olson adjourned the meeting at 5:48 pm.