Talcott Free Library Board Meeting

Members Present: A. Floto, L. Floto, D. Garlow, T. Garlow, R. Geddeis, G. Kovanda, Director M. Gove. Absent: A. Ragaller.

Members of the Public: 7

President Kovanda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None.

Secretary's Report: Geddeis moved, and A. Floto seconded, to approve this report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: 1) A. Floto moved, and D. Garlow seconded, to approve this report. Motion passed unanimously. 2) A. Floto moved, and T. Garlow seconded, to approve the Legal Notice of the Budget Hearing which will be held October 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Approval was unanimous. Kovanda and L. Floto signed and dated the Notice. 3) Kovanda moved, and L. Floto seconded, to approve the Public Notice of Ordinance No. 2024-01, Building and Maintenance Fund Levy. Any petition requesting a referendum on the adoption of the Ordinance must have a minimum of 731 valid signatures and must be filed within 30 days of the Notice's publication. The amount of the levy is .02% of the value of the district's taxable property. The motion carried unanimously.

Librarian's Report: 1) D. Garlow moved, and L. Floto seconded, to approve this report and the payment of current bills. Motion passed unanimously. 2) Director Gove's updates contained 25 items, including the following: Was appointed to the finance committee of PrairieCat. Dealt with a disruptive patron situation. Contacted the insurance company to lower the bond required for the library treasurer, which will result in a reimbursement of around \$750. Made Talcott artifacts and mementos available for Talcott family reunion attendees to see. Contacted strategic planning consultants and will have proposals for later discussion. Completed inspection of the dumbwaiter and fire extinguisher. Posted public notice of the upcoming election for library trustee seats. Learned that the new phone system will be installed September 15. Contacted the auditor for preliminary planning for the FY24 audit. Worked on the annual report due to be filed with the State Library by September 1. Worked on starting an adult Spanish language collection. Anticipated the future need for changes in accessibility for our website. Attended 7 online classes/webinars and 4 in person conferences/meetings.

Building and Grounds Report: A. Floto moved, and Geddeis seconded, to approve a late invoice for 113 E. Main roofing projects. Unanimous approval.

Unfinished Business: Geddeis is working on an index or table of contents of district policies.

New Business: Kovanda moved, and A. Floto seconded, to approve the submittal of IPLAR report upon completion. Motion passed unanimously.

Geddeis moved for adjournment. A. Floto seconded. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by L. Floto, Secretary