**Call To Order**

Gary Dielman, President called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. The meeting was held in the Riverside Meeting Room. Present at the meeting were Gary **Dielman**, Della **Steele**, Nellie **Forrester**, and Kyra **Rohner-Ingram**, Directors; Perry **Stokes**, Library Director and Christine **Hawes**, Business Manager.

Dielman welcomed our guest from the Oregon State Librarian, MaryKay Dahlgreen, was also present.

Dielman told the group that long time employee, Arlene Dethloff, passed away. Services are to be held on the weekend.

**Consent Agenda**

Dielman asked if there were any changes or additions the consent agenda. There were no changes to the Agenda.

Stokes had one correction to the May 8 Regular Meeting Minutes, page 6, correcting the reference to the cash carryover of $235,000, discovered by Forrester.

Hawes had a few corrections to the Budget Committee Minutes of May 24. The meeting was held on a “Wednesday” rather than Monday – correction to title. Other minor corrections were noted.

**Rohner-Ingram made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections; Steele seconded; the motion passed unanimously.**

**Conflicts or Potential Conflicts of Interest**

Dielman asked for any potential conflicts of interest. There were no conflicts stated.

**Open Forum for general public**

Dielman stated for the record that there were no members of the public present. The guest presenter Ms. Dahlgreen is on the agenda.

**REPORTS: Director**

Stokes reported highlights from the annotated agenda included in the board packets.

**Facilities** — Stokes sent out a press release the prior week announcing that the Library will be removing the giant cottonwood tree at the corner of Resort and Campbell Streets. The project was initiated when Facilities staff Ed Adamson noticed signs of rot and was concerned for the risk to public safety. Ed requested the Baker City Tree Board make an assessment. They determined that the main trunk suffers from severe rot and is probably hollow. Ed is working with the City and County road departments to schedule removal of the tree. Stokes added that he has gotten some responses to the post on social media mostly from patrons.
who appreciate the safety concern with only a few sad faces. The plan is
to donate the wood to a local organization. The district may need to hire
an inmate work crew for a day to have the wood moved.

Another project with priority due to the eclipse event is the Huntington
branch ADA Ramp. It has been crumbling for a few years and is now in
such bad condition staff can hardly push a book cart up the ramp. Ed is
working with the City of Huntington to fix the problem.

Stokes reported that the Oregon Department of Transportation recently
contacted him about surplus office furniture available. He went to La
Grande and picked up about 5 office chairs and two large shelves for the
Business Manager’s work area to hold bankers boxes used for storage.
Several of the chairs have replaced worn ones in the kids’ computer lab,
so many thanks to ODOT!

Programs – Summer Reading Program (SRP) has started. The district is
trying out the Wandoo Reader program this year which enables
participants to register online and track their reading digitally. Youth
Services staff can also use Wandoo to promote events and publish
reading challenges.

LEO has borrowed 5 tablets for a stop motion animation program held in
Milton-Freewater and Boardman (Oregon Trail Library District sites).

Public Services – A minor PR issue occurred at the Baker branch this week
related to staff aggressively dealing with youth misconduct in the Teen
Room. Stokes feels it has been resolved at this point.

Security – A car prowler was spotted trying to enter a vehicle in the south
parking lot recently. Stokes was checking that his car windows were shut
during a strong downpour and happened to witness the incident. Upon
Stokes shouting at the perpetrator to get away from the vehicle, the
individual and a companion ran off toward the Dollar Tree where they
apparently stole an unlocked bicycle. Stokes reported the incident to the
police.

The Baker branch also suffered a minor vandalism incident when
someone dumped a partially full bottle of soda in the book drop. The
liquid did damage a few items that were in there. Security system video
footage was helpful with identifying suspects. Stokes contacted the
parent of a couple of suspects. She was able to find corroborating
evidence and obtained a confession from her children. Stokes is working with the parent to address the matter.

*Technology* – Technology Manager, Jim White, is working on a plan to migrate the historic photo collection to a new version of the Past Perfect software. He is investigating cloud storage versus a designated BCLD server for hosting the content.

Jim’s intern team is also working on an electronic meeting room reservation system. The district has used a manual binder system for many years. It is time-consuming to create and accessible only at a single point. A digital reservation program would enable patrons to review availability of rooms themselves and submit reservation requests. Jim’s team is looking closely at open source software options.

Steele said that she had received comments of concern with the condition of the library landscaping. The grass is tall and there are quite a few large weeds. Stokes has talked to Facility staff about this problem. Previously, much of the weeding has been done by the inmate work crew visits. Prior to the inmate work crews, the library had a group of volunteers that did it. The weekly inmate crew visits dropped to monthly and are actually suspended through the coming summer. Without that support, the district is not able to afford proper maintenance with the current landscaping arrangement. There was discussion on weeds and possible solutions. Stokes said that the district should plan to invest in a professional landscape plan in the future to come up with a low maintenance, more manageable landscaping design.

**Finance**

Hawes passed out check packets for signatures with the financial reports handed out at the start of the meeting.

The **General Fund** received tax turnovers of $26,845.64 on June 1 with at least one anticipated turnover to come later in the month estimated at $9,000. The Grant line includes a $2,000 Rotary Grant with $1,000 being sent to Literacy Coalition. The Sage Fiscal Agency Fee of $2,560 is included with the Sage Fund checks tonight and will be deposited tomorrow. **Personnel Services** is on budget at 98.2% spent that includes 12 payments in the health insurance and PERS lines. **Materials & Services**, the book budget line includes checks written to Ingram $9,082.03 for a large year-end order, primarily kids books, and US Bank Visa $1,740.08 with $904 spent on in books and videos. Other checks include Tony’s Tree Service $650 for tree removal and trimming,
Goertzen Janitorial $1,495 monthly services, Mike Bork Auto Repair $1,089.47 for bookmobile lube change and generator repair and Western Communication $114.00 for advertising in the Family Living Kids Guide. A large check was written to the Baker County Clerk $5,826.74 for May election costs, plus $1,500 was transferred back from Election Savings in Other Funds, for a net cost to the District of $4,326. In Youth Programs, a check $400.00 for a Traveling Lantern performance for a kids play presented at the library (a LEO program). The check previously written for this was voided and is being reissued for payment in June when it was due. An email will be sent to the City of Sumpter requesting the annual utility billing. A check to NERO (University of Oregon) $477.00 for the fourth quarter internet payment. The second $1,000 debt payment due to the City of Baker City was written June 1 and mailed when the statement came a few days later. Materials & Services is currently 95.6% spent with leaves ample room for year-end accruals. Ending cash is projected at $263,400 taking into account bills and revenues to come that is $15,000 over the budgeted carryover of $247,700. Stokes said he expected that amount would be reduced by book orders and a couple of facilities projects in the works.

Other Funds had revenues from Amazon book sales of $389.55 in May. Two checks were written $84.99 to Visa for postage to mail books sold and $100.96 for other memorial expenses. Transfers to General Fund have been completed with the $5,200 recently moved; $1,500 Election reserve funds to cover election expense and $4,200 Technology funds to offset the E-Rate projects completed this fiscal year. Current cash in these funds totals $161,176 has increased by $28,660 as compared to beginning cash totaling $132,516. A report on Memorial Funds was attached for the board to reference; these funds are summarized funds by restricted, committed, assigned and un-assigned.

Sage Fund issued a check $2,560 for the annual Administration Fee as budgeted. The System Analyst line is under spent due to that person leaving in March and the position still open. The current cash is $195,563 and has increased by $46,762 throughout the fiscal year. One of the goals is for Sage to become self-funding and not need the grant that it currently depends on to operate the courier system. The fund is making good progress.

Hawes gathered the check packets after having been signed and lists approved.
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<td>Stokes introduced the guest, MaryKay Dahlgreen, the Oregon State Librarian. She was driving through our region and wanted to attend our meeting.</td>
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Dahlgreen said that she enjoys Baker City and will enjoy a night stay at the Geiser Grand. She said that Baker County is a model to the rest of the state. Baker County was one of the earliest to adopt a Library District, being second in the State. She said that in her position she followed a very successful “rock star” when he retired, much like Stokes followed Aletha Bonebrake. She said that Stokes has done a great job. As the State Librarian she loves being able to visit other libraries. She visited Grant County library on the way.

Tomorrow, she and Aletha, are traveling up to Wallowa County. She received a letter that the Wallowa County commissioners plan to close their county library. She is helping them through the process that includes public hearings. The communities will be losing early learning services, outreach services to homebound patrons, and satellite libraries in Troy and Imnaha. The City libraries have a cooperative agreement with the County Library, if the county removes its support then the city libraries will have to charge county residents to use their libraries. She is hoping the county will re-think the decision. There is a community meeting tomorrow. She will be interested to see how many attend the hearing. If the library closes, she hopes it will be an opportunity for Wallowa County to create a Library District. Stokes commented that it sounds like they are already operating as a special district. She agreed.

Dahlgreen said that in terms of the State Library, there are three main things that it provides.

1. It is a library for State Agency Staff.
2. Provide talking book and braille for those who can’t read print (supported by the National Library for the Blind and the Library of Congress); providing equipment to patrons.
3. Library Support and Development Services. She started in library support. Five years ago she became the State Librarian. She said the State Library is “a kind of consulting firm” for library services, for all libraries in the State. They also administer the Federal LSTA funds. They are not a public library, rather a special library that has existed since 1905. It has been in its current building since 1935 in Salem.

When asked about the State archives, she replied that they are now in the Secretary of State offices. She invited the board to visit the State Library and offered a tour. They are currently wrapping up their budget.
She has been working with State legislators on aspects of the State Library budget. In spite of a difficult budget year, they came through it fairly well. The Ready-To-Read grants took a $200m cut but she was glad that it didn’t suffer more. The State Library distributes those funds as grants to public libraries. The State Library board is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. She discussed the process and how the State is represented on the board.

Dahlgreen said that Oregon is a “good library state.” Some recent developments have been particularly challenging and inspirational. Douglas County has closed 11 libraries for lack of passing a levy. Josephine County passed a levy for its library and public safety. Wallowa County is looking at closing the library there. They have an unusual situation in that the City will own the building but the County owns the books. She has always used Baker County Library as an example that it can be done. There was discussion on other communities that closed their libraries and were able to re-open as a District. Hood River libraries were closed for about a year, Josephine County libraries were closed for 10 years, and Deschutes County had closed before these communities passed a District to open their libraries.

There was discussion on Federal and State funding sources to libraries, how these funds are being reduced and the ramifications to the Oregon State Library.

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<td>Stokes said that the resolution included in the packet formally adopts the budget and imposes the property tax. There was a format change on the LB-30 form he discovered after the meeting. He reviewed the correct General Fund forms; the numbers are the same. There were no other changes made after the budget committee meeting.</td>
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<td>Rohner-Ingram had a question on the resolution; the category total numbers do not match the detail fund forms. Stokes said that the numbers show up differently on the resolution. The differences are how the numbers transfer from the forms to the Resolution form. The “Unappropriated and Reserve Amounts, All Funds” is a new line. The total “Adopted Budget” agrees to the Total Budget for all three funds. Rohner-Ingram agreed that the totals were the same.</td>
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With no further discussion, **Rohner-Ingram moved to approve Resolution No. FY2016-17 R.005 Resolution Adopting the Budget, the Resolution Making Appropriations totaling $1,935,328 and Imposing**
### Property Taxes

Property taxes at the permanent tax rate of $0.5334 per $1000 plus the local option tax of $0.249 per $1000 of assessed value, as presented; Steele seconded; the resolution passed unanimously (4 yea, 0 nay, 0 abstain). Dieelman signed the resolution.

Steele commented that she planned to attend a class being offered at the library on “How to Operate a Cell Phone”. Stokes said that Debbie Bainter offered to start the program monthly. She has had about 5 people attend each time.

### Election Report & Invoice

Stokes handed out County election results for the group to review. Board members Della Steele, Kyra Rohner-Ingram and Betty Palmer were re-elected to the Library Board. He thanked them for their community service. The Invoice was higher than anticipated. It appears that every four years, when the three directors come up for re-election, that there are not as many other things on the ballot so we get a larger proportionate share of the cost. He has been setting aside $1,500 annually in a savings fund in Other Funds which appears to be covering the costs. He will continue to do make that transfer.

### Discussion of FY2017-18 Officers & Regular Meeting Schedule

Stokes included a copy of the proposed FY2017-2018 regular meeting schedule. He is providing this information a month early so the board will have time to look at it. He also reminded the board that at the July meeting, we will need to elect officers in addition to adopting the meeting calendar. He felt a discussion this month may be helpful. There was some discussion. Stokes said that we are also losing a check signer when Sara Durflinger retires at the end of June; the board will need to approve who will replace her next month.

### SDAO Workers Comp Claims Reimbursement Option

Dielman went back to an item of business that had been skipped. Hawes read through the optional election. She talked with Terri Bell at Clarke & Clarke Insurance, there would be no increase in the premium, a report of claims will be mailed at the end of each fiscal year; the election gives the District the option to reimburse SDAO for claims under $1,900 and thereby given the chance to keep the experience rating down on our workers comp insurance. Bell felt it was a good option. Rohner-Ingram clarified that it would not increase the rates. Dielman said it was a good idea. The directors present all agreed to accept the option for reimbursement for workers comp expenses. Hawes will have Stokes sign the election form and send that in on Thursday.

Stokes asked everyone to stay for a photo with MaryKay Dahlgreen at the
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