



Coos Library Board Meeting Minutes
9:30-10:30 am, January 24, 2017
North Bend Public Library

ATTENDANCE:

Board members: Tara Johnson, Doug Wuerth, Carol Ventgen, Patty Janke, and Frances Smith
Directors: Barbara Caffey, Anne Conner, Gary Sharp, Cheryl Young, Will McClusky and Norma Fowler.
Guests: Bob Main, Coos County Commissioner; City of Reedsport: Jonathan Wright, City Manager; Jessica Terra, Finance/Planning Director; Linda McCollum, Mayor; Frank Barth, City Council member

I. Call to Order – Tara Johnson, Chair

Tara Johnson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and introductions were made.

II. Discussion of Reedsport library situation – Tara Johnson opened the floor for discussion of the topic at hand. Jonathan Wright, Reedsport City Manager, gave an overview of the financial status of the City of Reedsport and summarized the situation with the library in Reedsport since the ballot measure to establish a library district in Douglas County was defeated in November. (The measure passed in coastal Douglas County but was defeated county-wide.)

Gary Sharp, North Bend Public Library Director, explained the relationship between Coos County and the five Curry County library districts that will be joining the Coastline automation system in March 2017.

Jonathan Wright stated that the Reedsport officials are trying to get a realistic picture of what it would cost to operate a library and are seeking information from CCLSD to help them determine whether it is feasible for them to try to keep the library open. He and others from Reedsport stated that there is strong community support in Reedsport for the library.

Norma Fowler, CCLSD ESO Director, stated that any concern on the part of Coos County library people is not so much financial but whether or not we have the capacity to bring on another system. We want to provide as much help as we can, but we don't want to get in the position of promising something we can't fulfill.

After further discussion, Frances Smith made a motion that CCLSD provide information to assist Reedsport with fact finding for a possible integration with the Coos County library system. The motion was seconded by Doug Wuerth. Patty Janke mentioned that Norma Fowler will be leaving at the end of this week which will make collecting and dispersing information more difficult. Norma replied that she will do as much as she can before leaving and will leave tracks for further information to be provided.

Discussion then ensued regarding reimbursement by Reedsport of costs that will be incurred, primarily by Will McClusky, IT Manager, while assessing the current IT situation at the Reedsport library. Frances Smith amended the motion to include reimbursement for the cost of necessary IT evaluation.

Motion passed unanimously.

III. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.