

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Charles A. Ransom District Library Board May 8, 2007

Meeting was called to order by President Asselmeier at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Gelbaugh, Davis, Asselmeier, Klein, Keeney, Prentice, Haan

Members absent: Heed

Guest: Emilie Schada, City of Plainwell Economic Development

Director: Katie Bell Moore

President Asselmeier welcomed Emilie Schada to the meeting and she was introduced to the Board.

Purpose of this special meeting is to review quotes to replace the parking lot and to review quotes for a sidewalk along the river being purposed by the City of Plainwell

President Asselmeier read a statement listing his support to replace the packing lot instead of just doing repairs. He feels it physically needs to be done and to just repair the parking lot would only postpone what inevitably needs to be done and at a greater cost due to rising fuel costs.

In regards to the sidewalk he would not recommend initiating this project. He feels the cost is prohibited for what it would achieve.

He thanked Rod Janes for his time and effort in securing both the parking lot quotes and researching the sidewalk costs.

A poll of the board lead to the consensus that the parking lot needs to be replaced not just repaired. The funds are available from the Building and Restoration Fund.

The Board reviewed quotes from Wyoming Asphalt Paving Co. for a cost of \$31,686.00, J. Allen & Company for \$29,130.00 and Heystek & Sons for \$50,120.00 All quotes have the possibility of being higher after the contract is signed due to increase of fuel costs. After discussion a

Motion was made Davis/Prentice to notify J. Allen & Company that we are interested in contracting their firm for this project based on the current quote dated April 11, 2007. The Director will contact J. Allen and Company for a final cost and the board will formally approve funds for this project at the May 15, 2007 meeting.

Roll call: Davis yes, Klein yes, Prentice yes, Gelbaugh yes, Haan yes, Roger yes, Asselmeier yes. Motion carried 7 yes 0 no

The second agenda item was to review the sidewalk project and consider quotes to complete this project. The City of Plainwell requested the Library consider this project as a completion to their riverwalk.

In order to install a sidewalk along the river, code would require a hand rail.

President Asselmeier polled the board members for opinions on the merits of this project.

The quotes to complete this project were in the range of \$7000.00 to \$19,000.00. This sidewalk would require future maintenance and plowing.

After discussion all board members agreed this project did not fit into current needs or goals of the Library at this time. The Library funds are limited and available funds need to be used for other projects and building upkeep.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Davis/Prentice Carried.

Next meeting will be May 15, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Haan, Secretary