



**Public Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 20, 2023  
**Time:** 6:00 PM Regular Meeting  
**Location:** HYBRID: Zoom Meeting / Woodland Community Library

<p><b>Call to Order</b> Chair Morgan, called the regular meeting to order.</p> <p><b>Attendees</b>  <u>Board Members In-Person:</u> Kristy Morgan, Megan Dugan, Marie Coffey, Vikram Kotwani, Mary Ann Duncan-Cole  <u>Board Members Virtual:</u> Penny Love-Henslee, Olga Hodges  <u>Board Members Absent:</u>  <u>FVRL Team:</u> Interim Executive Director, Justin Keeler; Executive Assistant, Rhonda Kay Calkins; Finance Manager, Attar Bhangal; Human Resources Director, Lee Strehlow; Collections and Technology Director, Lynne Caldwell; Branch Manager, Elizabeth Moss; IT Specialist, Mike Smetana  <u>Guests:</u> Woodland Branch Manager, Jennifer Hauan</p>	6:00 PM
<p><b>Agenda Approval</b> Motion: Megan Dugan 2nd: Mary Ann Duncan-Cole The motion carried with 6 out of 7 votes of aye.</p>	6:00 PM
<p><b>Chair Announcements – None</b></p>	6:00 PM
<p><b>Public Comments</b> Katherine Gardner: Support for Diversity Ron/Erin Smelser: Banning Books David Alvey: Trans Day of Remembrance Ann Bauer: Library – Respect for all Judy Musa: Thank you to the Board Shirley Clukey: Our wonderful library system and services Susan Humbyrd: So excited for our new library Sharon Watt: Woodland library Randy Schmidt: Banning Books Margo Logan: Books for young teens Gary Wilson: Library services Quil Onstead: DQSH</p>	6:02 PM
<p><b>Executive Session: RCW 42.30.110(1) – Personnel</b> Adjourned into Executive Session at 6:25 PM for 30 minutes with action to be taken. Meeting restarted at 7:06 PM</p>	6:24 PM
<p><b>Reports</b></p>	
<p><b>Woodland Branch Report: Jennifer Hauan</b> Ms. Hauan provided an update on library activities around the Woodland Community Library.</p>	7:06 PM




<b>September Financial Statements:</b> Attar Bhangal discussed September 2023 financial statements.	7:17 PM
<b>Branch Safety Report: Justin Keeler</b> Director Keeler presented a status report on branch safety.	7:22 PM
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	7:50 PM
<b>FVRL Expenditure Approval: Reviewed by</b> Mary Ann Duncan-Cole attested that she reviewed the October expenditures and found them in order. <b>Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2023</b> <b>Meeting Minutes: October 26, 2023</b> Motion: Mary Ann Duncan-Cole 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Megan Dugan The motion carried unanimously.	
<b>Business</b>	
<b>2023 Budget Amendment – Second Reading: Justin Keeler</b> Director Keeler presented the second reading of the draft 2023 Budget Amendment.	7:51 PM
<b>2024 Budget – Second Reading: Justin Keeler</b> Director Keeler presented the second reading of the draft 2024 Budget.	7:52 PM
<b>2024 Levy – Public Hearing</b> Director Keeler opened a Public Hearing for the 2024 Levy. Director Keeler opened the public comment portion of the Public Hearing. Public comment will be set for 30-minutes. Each individual is allowed two (2) minutes to speak. <b>Public Hearing comments made by:</b> Randy Schmidt: Asked about budget increase for FVRL. Gary Wilson: Asked if the voters get to vote on it. Debbie Jenner John: Asked what point do you go out to the voters. Margo Logan: Thanked the board and Justin for keeping our libraries nice.  Director Keeler closed public comment at 8:08 PM Director Keeler asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-23 (2024-01) Adopting the 2024 Property Tax Levy.	7:57 PM
<b>2024 Levy – Resolution 2023-23 (2024-01): Justin Keeler</b> Motion: Kristy Morgan 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Megan Dugan Motion carried unanimously. Director Keeler closed the Public Hearing for the 2024 Levy at (time)	8:08 PM
<b>FVRL 2024 Board Meeting Schedule: Kristy Morgan</b> Chair Morgan presented draft schedule for the 2024 board meetings along with the finance review.	8:08 PM
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<b>Nominating Committee: Marie Coffey</b> Marie Coffey presented information from the Nominating Committee about the Slate of 2024 Officers/Committee Appointments. The recommendations are: Chair: Kristy Morgan Vice Chair: Megan Dugan Secretary: Mary Ann Duncan-Cole Voting will take place at the December 11, 2023 board meeting.	8:09 PM

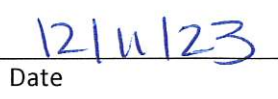
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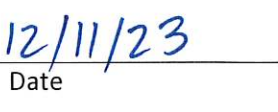


<p><b>Executive Director Contract Amendment – Resolution 2023-24: Kristy Morgan</b> Chair Morgan provided an update on Jennifer Giltrop’s contract as Executive Director. This amendment is correcting an error made on the employment agreement. Motion: Mary Ann Duncan-Cole 2nd: Marie Coffey Motion carried unanimously.</p>	8:11 PM
<p><b>Board Comments:</b> Chair Morgan: We have forgotten how to disagree with one another, and we need to find common ground with one another. The behavior earlier was unacceptable and please control yourself at the meetings. Ms. Hodges: Thank everyone for their presentations and reports. Acknowledged the large Slavic community in Vancouver. This Saturday will be commemorating the anniversary of the day of remembrance for Holodomor. The massive genocide that happened in Ukraine. Ms. Dugan: Thank you to Jennifer and Woodland for their presentation and services. Ms. Coffey: Thank you to Justin for stepping in and have done a great job as interim. Mr. Kotwani: Thank you to Justin for being the interim and helping as needed. Thanks to FVRL staff for all their help. Ms. Love-Henslee: Thank you to Justin and Rhonda and staff who help put meetings together. Chair Morgan: Thank you to Justin for stepping up, we appreciate it.</p>	8:13 PM
<p><b>Setting of next regular meeting:</b> Monday, December 11, 2023, 6:00 PM Hybrid/Vancouver Community Library. <b>Motion to adjourn meeting</b> Moved: Mary Ann Duncan-Cole 2nd: Olga Hodges</p>	8:18 PM
<p><b>Adjournment Approved</b></p>	8:18 PM

  
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Kristy Morgan, Chair

  
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Megan Dugan, Vice Chair

  
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