

**LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Special Meeting – May 9, 2024

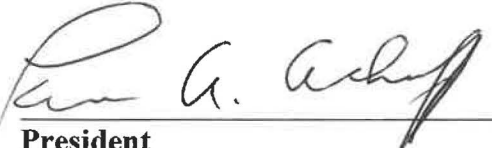
057. The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lake County Public Library was called to order by President Lawrence A. Aceff at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2024, in the Board Room of the Merrillville Library -- Administration Center, 1919 West 81st Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410-5488.

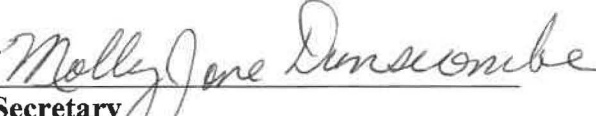
058. Board members present were: Lawrence A. Aceff, President; Sean Conley, Vice President; Molly Dunscombe, Secretary; Michael McIntyre, and Marti Ross. Absent: Charman Shields-Williamson and Alice Hunt-Lounges.

059. Also present were: Carol Daumer Gutjahr, Director; John Brock, Assistant Director of Operations and Finance/Treasurer; Roddretta Waxton, Assistant Director of Public Library Services; Gregory Madouros, Human Resources Manager, and Tom Kuhn, Architect.

060. Aceff welcomed all to the meeting. Under New Business: Brock reported Dyer-Schererville's cooling tower was leaking a fair amount of water. An inspection by PremiStar discovered the tower had rusted more significantly than previously thought. PremiStar made an emergency patch but it is unknown if it will hold throughout the summer months. Kuhn stated a new cooling tower is needed. There is an estimated six to eight week lead time. Brock asked the board for an emergency declaration to proceed with quotes for a new cooling tower. It was moved by Ross and seconded by McIntyre that the Board declare an emergency situation. Motion was adopted. Kuhn stated he would seek quotes from PremiStar, Gatlin and Arctic with plans to award the contract at the May 23 board meeting.

061. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned. The time was 2:14 p.m.

  
**President**

  
**Secretary**

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