

**AURORA (ILLINOIS) PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 18, 2021

Public Act 100-0640 amends the Open Meetings Act to expressly authorize public bodies to meet remotely in certain circumstances without the otherwise required quorum present at the meeting place. The new law requires the head of the public body determine that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of a disaster. At least one member of the public body or the Chief Administrator Officer or the Chief Legal Officer must be physically present at the meeting place unless it is not feasible because of that disaster. Michaela Haberkern is present at the library. The library is partially open today, so it is feasible for her to be there. The meeting will be recorded and will be available on the library's website for 30 days and will be archived in our Administrative Offices thereafter. The meeting was held via Zoom and viewable on the library's Facebook page. As with all open meetings we provide space for public comments in accordance with the law. For the purposes of this virtual meeting we asked the public to submit their comments via email or voice messages.

CALL TO ORDER: at 4:00 p.m.

John Savage stated in accordance with the Government Emergency Administrative Act PA100-0640, The Aurora Public Library District Board of Directors find an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the ongoing public health emergency and believes it is in our best interest to hold a virtual meeting to perform essential business.

Present: Trustees Delia Nila Basile, John Savage, Andrew Smith

Absent: Jeff Butler

Also present were Executive Director Michaela Haberkern, Deputy Director Tom Spicer, Director of Neighborhood Services Heather Sturm, Outreach Services Manager Jessica Cantarero, Bookmobile Driver Michael Pracht, Communications Manager Miriam Meza-Gotto, Administrative Assistant Kim Gautschi

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2020 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING:

Andrew Smith moved, seconded by Delia Nila Basile to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2020 Buildings and Ground Committee Meeting.

Yes: Basile, Savage, Smith

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Jeff Butler

Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING 12-16-20 MINUTES APPROVED

BOOKMOBILE GENERATOR

The committee discussed an option for an all-electric generator for our new bookmobile, at an additional cost. Heather Sturm, Jessica Cantarero and Michael Pracht walked the committee through the option and answered questions. This is a substantial upfront cost; however, there are significant long-term benefits in customer comfort as well as anticipated maintenance and gasoline savings. This is a cost the library can cover, as we budgeted a similar amount in 2020 for a vehicle that was not purchased because of Covid. The Foundation has raised about one-third of the original quoted cost of a new bookmobile, and their executive committee meets later this week to approve a plan to raise the rest. Michaela Haberkern asks the committee to recommend to the full board approve the additional expense.

Committee members asked questions concerning recent maintenance and repair expenditures for the current generator, anticipated maintenance for the electric generator, and anticipated cost savings. Staff anticipate zero maintenance costs with the electric generator. The library has spent approximately \$91,000 in maintenance and repairs on our current diesel generator. The greatest anticipated benefit associated with the electric generator will be the absence of noise and fumes resulting in greater customer comfort, and the savings of those maintenance and repair costs. Andrew Smith moved, seconded by Delia Nila Basile to recommend that the full board approve the purchase of an all-electric generator as a part of the contract with Matthews Specialty Vehicles.

Yes: Basile, Savage, Smith

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Butler

Motion Carried

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE APPROVED RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN ALL-ELECTRIC GENERATOR AS A PART OF THE CONTRACT WITH MATTHEWS SPECIALTY VEHICLES

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Delia Nila Basile moved, seconded by Andrew Smith, the Buildings and Grounds Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:22 p.m.

Roll call on motion:

Yes: Basile, Savage, Smith

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Butler

Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT
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Committee Chairperson (Member)