



Regional Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Board meeting was called to order by Board President, Ruth O'Loughlin. Those in attendance & via zoom were board members, Larry Alexander, Myra Cingolani, Sandra Crofford, Cristy Dunnahoe, Judi Fava, Kim Forrest, Dianna Harmon, Ruth O'Loughlin, Diane Parnell, Reathel Privett, Vickie Ross, Mary Jo Tucker, Cecilia Whittemore, Vern Wilson, Regional Director, Judy Calhoun, and Digital Coordinator, Jennifer Knight. Visitors included: Roger Davis.

Cecilia Whittemore was introduced as a new Bradley County representative. Minutes from the February meeting were under review. With no corrections or additions, a motion to approve was made by Kim Forrest and second by May Jo Tucker. Motion passed.

Director's Report:

The Director reported the status of the Act 372 lawsuit and grants awarded to the Monticello and Dumas Branch Library. The Director's report also included information about the Eudora Branch flooding. The Director also apprised the board that the Southeast Arkansas Regional Library was named the winner of the *Arkansas Literacy Association's* Agency in Literacy Award for the state of Arkansas and would be recognized at their Literacy Luncheon on July 18th in Searcy. The first quarter statistics were included in the board packet.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The first item on the agenda for new business was the Christmas closings. The Region is closed on Christmas day and two others to be determined. The Director recommended December 24 & 26. Sandra Crofford made the motion to approve closure on those two days. Diane Parnell gave the second and the motion passed. The next item on the agenda was representation on the Branch Improvement Committee. The committee needs representation from Desha and Bradley County. Kim Forrest volunteered to represent Bradley County and Myra Cingolani will represent Desha County. Larry Anderson made the motion to accept the replacements. Reathel Privett made the second and the motion passed.

Correspondence:

The Director shared a heartfelt email from Hamburg Library Director sharing praises about Lake Village Branch Manager, Sandra McAllister.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Announcements:

The date of the next Regional Board meeting will be held on August 12 at the Monticello Branch meeting room. The meeting was adjourned