MINUTES

Trustees: Sally Leclair, Jeremy Krones, Marcus Davis, Darcy Schlichting, Alan Walker, Jen Goertz
Staff: Tara Thompson, Chris Newell, Emily Pedersen
Absent: Polly Gallagher, Mike Johnson

I. Call to Order and Consideration of Trustee Absences
   Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Amendments to the Agenda
    None at this time.

III. Approval of the Agenda
    Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
    Darcy Schlichting motion; Alan Walker 2nd
    All approve

IV. Consent Agenda:
    A. June Regular Meeting Board Minutes
    B. Correspondence
    C. June Budget to Actual and Balance Sheet
       June reconciliation report will be added to the August agenda.
       Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
       Marcus Davis motion; Darcy Schlichting 2nd
       All approve

V. Reports
    A. Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc.
       Nothing to report at this time.
    B. Grand County Library Foundation
       The group reviewed financials at the meeting on July 11. Fundraising challenges were
discussed. There was a $511 profit for the Ted Conover event. Foundation members have
decided to cancel/postpone Adrian Miller talk due to costs and venue issues. Sally sent a
letter to Mr. Miller to confirm the decision. No response has been received from Fr. Miller prior
to this meeting. There was some discussion regarding facilities in Grand County for this type
of event.
    C. Public Comment
       None at this time.
VI. Information Items

A. Review by Director of Public Services of June GCLD Department Highlights & Statistics

Emily Pedersen shared information about current Kremmling Library staff and programs. She recognized Shelly Mathis’s accomplishments in completing her MLIS, after ten years of hard work, and thanked the Board for supporting her endeavors through tuition reimbursement. Linda Manguso was also thanked and recognized for her dedication to the branch as a cleaner. Linda is no longer able to continue in her position, and she will be missed.

Chris Newell summarized key points from this month’s Board Report. Facilities projects included new landscaping outside of Kremmling Library, fire extinguisher trainings throughout the county, keyless door entry systems, and ADA door openers. Library Resources continues to see an increase in the use of Hoopla, which has made an impact on the budget. As a result, Tallie is adjusting orders of other eResources. Top checkouts for Library of Things include pickleball sets, tennis racquets, laser tag kits, sketchbooks, and Colorado State Parks backpacks. Thousands of people are benefitting from Access Grand tickets in 2023 so far. New library card holders and meeting room use numbers are both up from 2022. Anthony continues to work on website upgrades and is on budget for the year. He is working with District Office staff to review vendor quotes and pricing for new security equipment and software for a self-service library. Public Services has had a busy month with Summer Reading Program events. Teen Nailed It, Community Kindness Kick-off events, KFFR live Storytime, Winding River Resort, and Science of Being Kind (4-H) programs were successful. Community Kick-off events brought in 540 attendees, Winding River brought in over 100 people, and the 4-H programs drew 82. Programs are having a positive impact on the community. There are many programs and events happening at all libraries this summer, and the Senior Lunch and Learn programs continue to be a huge success. Library visits for 2023 have surpassed 15,000, and those visits are trending up at all five locations. Finally, we are seeing families come out in good numbers for programs across the district.

B. Meeting Calendar

a) Summer Schedule
   • August 15: Fraser Valley Library
   • September 19: Granby Library

b) Special District Association Annual Conference (Keystone)
   • September 12-14
   Virtual option is being offered this year. Still time to plan to attend if interested. Reach out to Polly.

c) Colorado Association of Libraires Conference (Loveland)
   • Trustee track on Friday, October 13
   Alan Walker is planning to attend this year’s conference.

C. Kremmling Library Vision Committee

Sixteen people attended the first meeting of the Kremmling Library Vision Committee. Five district employees, two board members, a Friends representative, a Foundation representative, three community representatives – one each from the Colorado Workforce, West Grand School District, and the Chamber of Commerce. Three community volunteers attended representing library collection. Gallagher facilitated the meeting and shared data and trends in current use of the Kremmling Library. A chart showing the projection of population growth and movement in this area of the county helped to show where people are coming from, which assists in defining the need for additional space. Ideal model would include added staff workspace, a study room, defined teen space, community meeting space, child services, and collaborative workforce space. Much information was shared and discussed at the meeting. The group also talked about the possibility of expansion in the current facility location. However, parking and codes are issues. Location discussion – best place for a library with the location of Hwy 40 and schools to consider. Land availability was discussed. Suggested a firm to gather data and input regarding community needs; present
plan summarizing what would be best to meet the needs of GCLD and the community. Affordability and budget impact was discussed. Next meeting is scheduled for early August. Plan and architects will be a part of moving forward. Trustees discussed next steps keeping in mind what budget will allow and future revenue streams.

D. 6 Month Budget Review
Tara Thompson shared her PowerPoint presentation regarding year-to-date expenditures for the first half of 2023. Revenue and expense summaries were shared. Finance Committee is predicting around $1,100 excess spending by end of year. Vulnerabilities and Assurances were highlighted. Vulnerabilities are unknown factors that may impact appropriations – facilities inspections as well as utilities stand out the most to Tara as an area that is difficult to predict. Overall, we are on track and providing numerous services in the areas of programming and resources for the public’s increased usage. Additional community opportunities through donations have also been received to allow us to offer unique prizes and experiences for Summer Reading Program but these donations must be booked, affecting the overall budget. Capital projects are on track and should fall within budget.

VII. Action Items
None at this time.

VIII. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Alan Walker motion; Jeremy Krones 2nd
All approve