

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
W. H. ABEL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, MONTESANO
Wednesday, April 24, 1974 - 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Wm. Lawrence, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Raeburn Hagen
Mrs. Ruth Schmidt
Mr. Don Cox

Staff Members Present:

Mrs. Louise E. Morrison
Mrs. Virginia Barton
Mrs. Mary Stough

Others Present:

Mr. George Andrews, Farwest Homes

Vice Chairman, Dr. Wm. H. Lawrence, called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. in the absence of the Chairman. Mrs. Virginia Barton acted as the Board's recording secretary pro-tem.

Discussion was limited to the subject of the special meeting: the proposed library facility in South Mason County.

Location considered: Property owned by John Kneeland, immediately adjacent to building now occupied by Dept. of Social and Health Services, on Highway 101, south side, near city limits of Shelton.

Plan proposed: Mr. George Andrews presented a floor plan of 2,500 square feet. Suggested alterations were told to Mr. Andrews, who will bring a revised floor plan to the TRL Board meeting, May 16.

Discussion of site: Mr. Cox raised the question that the site on the south side of 101 was apparently closer to Shelton than Mr. Kneeland's original suggested site in the Kneeland Center. Mr. Cox asked why the change was made and questioned whether the location was inside Shelton city limits. He felt that a site actually in the unincorporated part of the county may be a wiser choice. Mr. Kneeland had changed from the original proposal in Kneeland Center, Mrs. Morrison said, because of the lack of a sewer line and of water. Preparation of the Kneeland Center location would be more expensive for him, and he preferred not to incur the costs.

Dr. Lawrence, Mrs. Schmidt, and Mrs. Hagen agreed that Mr. Cox's question was important. Was a site farther from Shelton available? Had an exhaustive search been made for alternative locations? Could such a search be undertaken? Was the site indeed inside the city limits of Shelton?

Mrs. Hagen suggested telephoning Mrs. McArthur, Board Chairman, at home to ask her the questions raised. There was a short recess while Dr. Lawrence and Mrs. Hagen spoke with Mrs. McArthur.

Mrs. Hagen reported that Mrs. McArthur said she and her husband believed that at the present time the location next to the DSHS building had not been annexed, but would be soon.

Mrs. McArthur offered to contact a real estate salesman to ask about alternative sites. Mr. Jack Howard said he knew of another location farther from town. Mr. Howard agreed to take Mrs. Stough and Mrs. Barton to see the location on Monday, April 29.

Mr. George Andrews will continue planning for site preparation and building design. The Board agreed to be prepared to accept a building plan at the May 16 meeting.

Mr. Cox asked if the district can afford the continuing cost of the proposed new building. Mrs. Morrison said yes, the district can, although it may not be easy to readjust priorities.

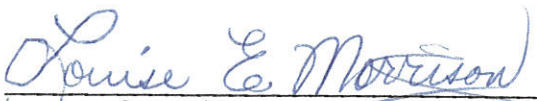
The following motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Hagen.

THE BOARD AUTHORIZES GEORGE ANDREWS OF FARWEST HOMES TO NEGOTIATE WITH MR. KNEELAND FOR A SITE AND A FACILITY FOR TIMBERLAND TO USE IN SOUTH MASON COUNTY. THE DISTRICT IS WILLING TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 PER YEAR FOR 2,500 SQUARE FEET, INCLUDING PARKING AREA.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The board approved conceptual plans presented by George Andrews of Farwest Homes with some requests for minor changes. Agreement was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.


Secretary


Chairman

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May 8, 1974

To: Timberland Library Board of Trustees
From: Barbara Smith for Mrs. Morrison
Re: Minutes of special meeting, April 24, 1974

Attached is a corrected page 2 of the minutes of the Special Board meeting held on April 24th.

In paragraph five "The following motion was made by Dr. Lawrence and seconded by Mrs. Hagen" has been corrected to read "The following motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Hagen."

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