

TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
Service Center, 415 Airdustrial Way S.W., Olympia, WA 98501

January 9, 2002

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Art Blauvelt, President, Ken Bragg, and Edna Fund. Doug Mah, Peggy Meyer and Pat Shults (via teleconference)

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED: Janelle Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Liane Bascou; Thelma Kruse; Art Wuerth

President Blauvelt called the special meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM

NO.

- 1 (1) Increasing the 2001 regular levy from what was levied the previous year and  
(2) the certification of 2001 tax levy rate for 2002 collection

The levy and levy rate for the 2002 property tax collection was not set during the last board meeting of December 19, 2001 because assessed value information was not available. At the Board of Trustees Annual Meeting of December 19, 2001, Resolution No. 01-09 adopted the 2002 budget. Final assessed valuations are now available at this time and a levy and a uniform levy rate for the intercounty rural library district can be determined at this time.

(1) A taxing district that collects regular levies must hold a public hearing on revenue sources for the district's following year's general fund budget. TRL held this public hearing on November 28, 2001. No increase in property tax revenue, other than that resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property, may be authorized by a taxing district, except by adoption of a separate ordinance or resolution, pursuant to notice, specifically authorizing the increase in terms of dollars and percentage. Based on this calculation, the increase would be \$112,964 and 1.00%.

(2) Based on the final certificates of assessed valuation from the five counties within the TRL system, TRL's final assessed valuation for 2001 taxes is \$23,952,431,334. In comparison the 2000 assessed valuation was \$22,695,138,569. The levy to be certified to the Boards of County Commissioners within the TRL district in 2001 for 2002 collection is \$11,829,824. The uniform levy rate to be certified to the Boards of County Commissioners within the TRL district in 2001 for collection in 2002 is \$.4939 per \$1,000 assessed value.

- 02-01 KEN BRAGG MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 02-01 INCREASING THE REGULAR LEVY FROM WHAT WAS LEVIED THE PREVIOUS YEAR FOR THE 2001 REGULAR TAX LEVY FOR 2002 COLLECTION; PEGGY MEYER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mr. Bragg requested the total dollar and percentage increase including new construction and anything else that is allowed. He also requested the percentage increase in the assessed value. Mr. Wuerth will provide this information in his Business Manager's report. Mr. Wuerth explained the actual increase in the existing valuation was 2.38% and we can only levy 1% of it due to Initiative 747. Added to that are increases in new construction and state utilities, so the overall total valuation increase is 6.02%. Mr. Bragg asked if jurisdictions that had "banked" authority in the past could now use it to exceed the 1%. Mr. Wuerth said yes, but Timberland has never banked levy capacity and was not in a bankable position this year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 02-02 PEGGY MEYER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 02-02 CERTIFYING THE TAX LEVY AMOUNT AND TAX LEVY RATE AND POPULATION FOR THE 2001 REGULAR TAX LEVY FOR 2002 COLLECTION; EDNA FUND SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mr. Wuerth explained that there are two resolutions for setting the levy because of the initiatives and referendums which do not always match with the original law. The Board needed to pass Resolution No. 02-01 to increase the levy by a certain amount. The resolution now under consideration certifies the levy and the levy rate. The two are intricately related which is why they are tied together in the same agenda item.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2 Non-Resident Borrower Fee for 2002

All residents of the unincorporated areas of Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston Counties pay a uniform tax to support the provision of library services. Through annexation or contracts, the residents of most of the cities within this five-county area pay the same amount for TRL services. The annual non-resident fee for 2001 has been \$62. Payment of this fee enables all family members in the same household to borrow materials from Timberland. The non-resident fee is calculated based upon the total property taxes and contract fees levied in the district divided by the number of households. Earlier during today's meeting, the TRL Board certified the levy amount and the levy rate for the 2001 regular tax levy for 2002 collection.

- 02-03 KEN BRAGG MOVED TO ESTABLISH THE NON-RESIDENT BORROWER FEE FOR 2002 BASED ON THE USUAL FORMULA, AT \$68 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9, 2002, AND TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE NON-RESIDENTS THE OPTION OF PAYING FOR A NON-RESIDENT BORROWER CARD WHICH IS GOOD FOR SIX MONTHS FOR HALF THE ANNUAL FEE. DOUG MAH SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mr. Bragg requested the number of people who purchase non-residents cards and the total revenue received. Mr. Wuerth will provide this information in his Business Manager's report.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3 Resolution in Support of the Washington State Library

The Washington State Governor has proposed to eliminate the Washington State Library in his 2002 budget and to close it by October 15, 2002.

02-04 PEGGY MEYER MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 02-03  
SUPPORTING THE WASHINGTON STATE LIBRARY; KEN BRAGG  
SECONDED THE MOTION.

KEN BRAGG MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REVISE THE  
RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE SEVERAL ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS;  
EDNA FUND SECONDED THE AMENDMENT.

Mr. Bragg suggested revisions to the resolution to include stronger language on the services that the Washington State Library provides to the general public. Mr. Mah had to disconnect from the teleconference, but indicated his support for this resolution.

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Kruse said the State Librarian has recommended legislators who should receive a copy of this resolution. Mr. Bragg suggested a press release be done as well.

MOTION ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 02-03 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Arrangements will be made to get signatures on the resolutions from those who took part in the meeting via teleconference. Ms. Meyer suggested the Board establish a way to receive signatures electronically. Mr. Blauvelt suggested the Board could pass a resolution to authorize duplicate pages of signatures and staple to the original resolution.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary