

**Northwest Regional Library Minutes
April 15, 2021**

Due to the worldwide coronavirus spread, the Northwest Regional Library Board met by using web conferencing Zoom. All votes during the meeting were submitted by board members answering aye or nay.

Present: Samantha Winger, Gracia Nelson, Darryl Tveitbakk, and Cheryl Matzke

Others present: NWRL Director Jim Trojanowski and Amanda Walton

Call to Order: Chair D Tveitbakk called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of the Financial Report: The Financial report was reviewed by the executive committee. A summary of expenses per category will be provided and be approved at the May 20th by the full board meeting.

EFT payments check numbers 745 to 752 for a total of \$1935.42
Check payments numbered 9923 to 9953 for a total of \$31,530.57

Approval to renew Certificate of Deposit with Citizen State Bank: **Matzke/Nelson moved to approve the renewal of Certificate of Deposit with Citizens State Bank. Carried.**

Discussion of Joint Powers Agreement: The executive committee agreed to work with Trojanowski to update the Northwest Regional Library Agreement. Upon completion, it will be presented to the full Board for approval. The current agreement dates to January 1, 1991.

Directors Report: Trojanowski reported that both the State Librarian and the Commission of Education have left their positions. The Commissioner has been replaced, and the State Library Services was reassigned to a different area in MDE.

Recently, the Senate and House approved an increase in Regional Library Basic System Support in the K-12 education budgets along with changes to the formula to shift funding from equalization to the base. The changes will be beneficial to the regions as it stabilizes the amount they receive each year.

Jim has requested that branch librarians think about steps toward fully reopening the libraries. Thief River Falls Library will open without an appointment on May 3rd.

Jim stated that he has ended quarantine periods for library materials at all branches. He also is considering suspension of fines permanent per approval of the board at their May meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:26 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Gracia Nelson, Secretary