HEARTLAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2000

HLC Governing Board voting members present: DeSoto-Paul Erickson, Ann Ryals; Hardee-Elinor Batey, Gloria Davis; Highlands-Bob Bullard, Perry Newport; Okeechobee-Robbie Clarke, Clois Harvey, Marilyn Buxton.

Also present: Coordinator Mary Myers, Ed Kilroy, Elizabeth Kenney, Diane Hunt, Carolyn Hesselink.

Chairman Bullard called the meeting at the Lake Placid Library to order at 10:01 a.m. Public Notice was read, and the agenda as presented moved for approval by Perry, seconded by Gloria, and passed by voice vote. The minutes were presented and moved for approval by Ann, seconded by Robbie, passed by voice vote.

COORDINATOR’S REPORT
Concerning upgrading the current library automation system, librarians and other interested staff heard presentations by three vendors this summer. The library directors’ choice is Polaris, an upgrade by Gaylord of its Galaxy system.
Choosing to go with the same company we not have means we will receive a rebate on the equipment we now have. Gaylord has agreed to accept 2 payments over 2 years, each in January, when we receive our state aid money.

E-books, a project of the State Library, will allow our libraries to have up to 11,000 mostly nonfiction books, available to anyone with a computer.
Robbie moved to approve the Coordinator’s report, seconded by Paul, approved.

LONG RANGE PLAN UPDATE
Two grants are included, the Born to Read and Graying the Net. Clois moved approval of the update, Paul seconded, and it was approved by voice vote.

BUDGET
Coordinator Myers recommended to the board that any revenue received that is unbudgeted be put into our reserve fund. She would like to see if raised by 10 to 20 thousand dollars. Mary listed the current salaries of the cooperative staff. Perry moved that the HLC adopt the 2001 budget, including hiring a Computer Support Specialist at $13.00 per hour, 40 hours per week,
full benefits, regular position; an Information Technology Trainer at $10.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, full benefits, grant funded position until September 30, 2001; 3 Born to Read Assistants, $7.50 per hour, 20 hours per week for six months; a Born to Read Coordinator, $12.00 per hour, 24 hours per week for six months; 1% salary increase for Carolyn Hesselink, based on her current salary; and 1% salary increase for Diane Hunt, based on her current salary.

Clois seconded the motion and it was approved by voice vote.

STATE AID APPLICATIONS
Paul moved the board approve our State Aid application, seconded by Ann, approved by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The 1st week in October all four library directors will be going to Tallahassee for the State Annual meeting.

Lake Placid will be the site in December of an exhibition of Robert Butler’s paintings. Elizabeth announced that Arcadia will be one of the Florida stops for a Smithsonian exhibit in November of 2001.

NEXT MEETING DATE is set for November 15, at Lake Placid Library, at 10 a.m. Clois moved to adjourn at 11:30 a.m., seconded by Marilyn and approved by voice vote.