HLC Governing Board members present: Chairwoman June Fisher, Kresta King Coordinator; Glades citizen Jeannete Peeples; Rick Knight County Commissioner of Hardee County; Julie Perry Glades citizen; Director of Leisure Services Highlands County Vicki Pontius; Julie Fowler from CliftonLarsonAllen Auditors; Donna-Storter-Long Glades County Commissioner; Diana Youmans Hardee County; Highlands County Commissioner Don Elwell; Mandy Hines Desoto Administrator; Linda Walters Desoto librarian; Mary Booher Glades librarian; Mary Beth Isaacson Avon Park librarian; Debra Frisco Lake Placid librarian; Maria Chenique Highlands County lead librarian; Fred Lohrer Archbold.

Absent: Gabriel Quave; Ann Ryals; Patti Lang; Gloria Davis; Margaret Garrard Helton; Marion Davis and Albie Scoggins.

Chairwoman June Fisher called the meeting to order at 10am. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Donna Storter-Long. Notice of meeting was acknowledged. A motion to approve agenda was made by Don Elwell and seconded by Rick Knight and unanimously passed. A motion to approve minutes from previous meeting was made by Donna Storter-Long and seconded by Mandy Hines and unanimously passed.

COORDINATOR’S REPORT APPROVAL:

Coordinator Kresta King presented her report and informed the Board that the book circulation has broken the 70% mark and the second most circulated format DVDs and DVD sets are up to 22%. 1000 books before kindergarten is a program which is gaining popularity nationwide and it promotes parents reading with their kids one (1) book a day. Ginger McClure did a Born to Read presentation at our Library Director’s meeting to give us ideas to kick start this program. The Myhlc.org website has increased the timeliness and amount of posts, in response to Board Members request to increase our Social Media presence at our May meeting. Coordinator Kresta King requested the possibility to utilize the Highlands County Staff to have a Myhlc twitter and/or Facebook posts. Vicki Pontius said she would discuss this with Maria Chenique Highlands County Lead Librarian and report to Kresta King what their decision is. Motion to approve Coordinator’s report was made by Mandy Hines and seconded by Donna Storter-Long and unanimously passed.
CHAIRPERSON DEBRA WORLEY RESIGNATION

Due to the resignation of Debra Worley, Board members asked June Fisher to be the Chairperson, she agreed and motion was made by Don Elwell to approve June Fisher as Chairperson and seconded by Donn Storter-Long and unanimously passed.

Commissioner Don Elwell suggested that a letter be sent to Debra Worley for her long dedication to the Heartland Library Cooperative. Motion was made by Mandy Hines to approve Don Elwell as Vice-Chairperson and seconded by Donna Storter-Long and unanimously passed.

FY16 PROPOSED BUDGET:

After Board members reviewed and discussed FY16 Budget, motion was made to approve FY16 by Donna Storter-Long and seconded by Don Elwell. Board members decided that they would like to review the FY16 Budget at the November 18, 2015, meeting, to make any changes, or revisions to said budget and amend FY16 budget, if necessary, at that meeting.

FY16 STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT

After Coordinator Kresta King presented the State Aid and Grant to the Board, motion to approve State Aid and Grant was made by Mandy Hines and seconded by Donna Storter-Long and unanimously passed.

CARLOS ROMAN ENGAGEMENT LETTER

After discussion by the Board motion to approve Carlos Roman’s engagement letter was made by Donna Storter-Long and seconded by Rick Knight and unanimously passed.

CLIFTONLARSONALLEN ENGAGEMENT LETTER

After discussion by the Board motion to approve CliftonLarsonAllen’s engagement letter was made by Many Hines and seconded by Julie Perry and unanimously passed.

LONG RANGE PLAN

After discussion by the Board, motion to approve Long Range Plan was made by Donna Storter-Long and
Seconded by Don Elwell and unanimously passed.

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Donna Storter-Long wanted to thank all of the local libraries for their summer programs this year.

NEXT MEETING; NOVEMBER 18, 2015

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes Guinn