

**Heartland Library Cooperative Governing Board
Lake Placid Memorial Library Meeting Room
205 W Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, FL**

Minutes to the February 15, 2017, meeting

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 10 am. By Commissioner Donna Storter-Long. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Mary Booher.

Chairman Donna Storter-Long introduced new members to the Board as follows: Brad Goodbread, from Okeechobee and Julie Schaefer of Desoto County.

Roll Call:

Governing Board Members Present:

Julie Perry – citizen Glades
Mary Myers – citizen Highlands
Jeanette Peeples – citizen Glades
Diana Youmans –citizen Hardee
Fred Lohrer-Archbold
Kresta King – Coordinator
Margaret Dewey – citizen Highlands

Judy Schaefer – Desoto
Brad Goodbread – commissioner Okeechobee
Albie Scoggins-Okeechobee
Gloria Davis-citizen Hardee
Donna Storter-Long Commissioner Glades
Don Elwell-Commissioner Highlands

Governing Board members absent:

Mandy Hines, Ann Ryals, Rick Knight, and Marian Davis

Also Present:

Mary Booher-Glades Librarian
Dee Shackelford-Hardee Librarian
Linda Waters-Desoto Librarian

Maria Chenique-Highlands Librarian
Cheryl Williams-Wickes, Brown, Williams
Vicki Pontius-Highlands County

Routine Business:

1. Notice of Public Meeting. Said notice has been posted.
2. Additions to Agenda. There were no additions noted.
3. Approval of the Agenda: Motion was made by Margaret Dewey to approve Agenda and Seconded by Julie Schaefer and unanimously passed.
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Motion was made by Margaret Dewey to approve Minutes of Previous meeting and seconded by Julie Schaefer and unanimously passed.

New Business:

5. FY17 Accounting update by Cheryl Williams from Wicks,Brown,Williams & Co. Cheryl went over the financial statements from October 2016 to January 2017. Right now money is tight as the

cooperative is waiting for State funding. This is not uncommon during this period. Coordinator Kresta King, stated that she is looking to receive these monies sometime in March.

6. Annual Plan of Action Update: Coordinator Kresta King went over the Annual Plan of Action and discussed technology changes: purchase of new computers, server and switches; increase of internet speed, investigating alternatives to Polaris database. This update will be furnished at every meeting.
7. Statistics update: Coordinator Kresta King discussed the statistics from October 2015 to January 2017. On patrons count for State Aid it has been noticed that the stats are low. By counting everyone who has been issued a card, whether they use cards or not, will bring our ranking up and be positive for the Cooperative.
8. American Disabilities Act website compliance update: Coordinator Kresta King discussed the complaint that was presented to the Heartland Cooperative by the U.S. Dept. of Education. The one item of the complaint was the spinning book carousel, which has been corrected. They have submitted an agreement to be signed by the Board, along with a provision for the Cooperative to hire an auditor, which auditor is to be approved by them. We have asked for an extension until June 1, 2017, so that we can present to the Board members a better picture of costs involved. These items will be addressed at the May 17, 2017, meeting.
9. Members comments:
Fred Lohrer gave an update on what is happening at Archbold
Dee Shackelford informed everyone on the mural on the Hardee Library
Brad Goodbread stated that he is pleased to serve on the Board and hopes to become a pro-active member.
Mary Booher and Jeannete Peeples enjoyed the recent visit with the State Librarian to Glades County Library.
10. **Next Meeting May 17, 2017.**

ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Agnes Guinn