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Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

The Board met Friday, February 26, 2021 at 10:00 pm via conference call for a special called meeting. Present were Nancy Oudin, Ethel Cogshell, Tom Owens, Glenda Daniels and Larissa Smith.

Also present were Ricky Williams, Bobbie Morgan and Jeannie West.

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Tom Owens contacted law firms, rated by the board, to acquire services for possible mediation with East Harding and Polk Stanley Wilcox.

1. Jason Campbell with the Anderson Law Firm has a conflict, as his firm also represents Polk Stanley Wilcox.
2. Keith McPherson with the Watts Law Firm has not returned any calls.
3. Randy Grice with the Hilburn Law Firm, is currently running a conflict check to be sure the firm is not representing any of the parties involved.
4. Joel Hoover with the Newland Associates currently represents a roofer who has a conflict with East Harding and Polk Stanley Wilcox.

As yet, the Library has no construction attorney.

Tom Owens stated that we must have a letter to Van Tilbury, with East Harding, today. Mr. Owens will draft the letter from Director Morgan and himself as board chair. Mr. Owens will sign the letter as board chair and send it to East Harding by certified mail. This letter will be record of the fact that we have no legal representation in this matter and are working to obtain some.

Larissa Smith asked if the library should be seeking other attorneys. Tom Owens answered that if Randy Grice has no conflicts, then the board will vote. If he does have a conflict, Mr. Owens will continue to look for additional law firms.

Ethel Cogshell asked, how long much time will the certified letter buy us? Tom Owens replied that as of now, there has been no mediation scheduled. This letter will preserve our rights.

No further questions and no vote taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.