

**Minutes of the Library Board of Control Meeting
May 22, 2018
To Be Approved at July 24th Board Meeting**

The Evangeline Parish Library Board of Control met on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the main library in Ville Platte (916 West Main Street).

President Katy Marcantel called the meeting to order.

Present were President Katy Marcantel, Vice President Gaynelle Coates, Board Members Sandra Salazar, Sandra Jacobs, ex officio Ryan Williams, Library Director Mary Foster-Galasso, and Staff Members Tina King and Suzy Lemoine.

Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance, and gave the opening prayer.

Williams made a motion to amend the agenda to include, "Resolution to request residential minimum rates for water and sewer charges for the new Chataignier Branch Library," as item #2 under old business. Jacobs seconded and the motion carried, unanimously.

Salazar made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2018 Library Board of Control meeting. Coates seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Foster-Galasso updated the Board on the Chataignier building project. She reported she and Chataignier Branch manager Emily Fontenot, and Staff Member Tina King had visited the construction site the day before.

She also reported that she and Parish Engineer Ronald Landreneau had worked on a resolution to present to the Mayor and Aldermen of the Village of Chataignier requesting residential rates for water and sewer charges for the new Chataignier Branch Library.

Williams made a motion to approve the resolution to be presented to the Mayor and Alderman of the Village of Chataignier requesting residential minimum rates for water and sewer charges for the new Chataignier Branch Library. Jacobs seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. (copy of resolution attached)

Williams made a motion to request that the Police Jury reappoint Althea Gaynelle Coates to the Library Board of Control for a new five-year board term, the current term expires in July 2018. Salazar seconded, and the motion carried, unanimously.

Jacobs made a motion that the time be changed from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Library Board of Control meeting scheduled for July 24, 2018 in Mamou, and that a public hearing be held at 11:30 a.m. prior to the meeting to receive comments on amending the Library budget due to the Chataignier building project. The public hearing is to be advertised twice each in the Ville Platte Gazette, Mamou Acadian Press, and Basile Weekly. Salazar seconded, and the motion carried, unanimously.

Jacobs made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Coates seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Before the Board members left the room, outreach coordinator Suzy Lemoine gave out performer flyers and calendars for Summer Reading.

Resolution to Request Residential Minimum Rates for Water and Sewer Charges for the New Chataignier Branch Library

Whereas, the Board of Control of the Evangeline Parish Public Library is building and will equip a new Chataignier Branch Library for the year round benefit of the residents of Chataignier, supporting cultural, recreational, and educational goals in keeping with the Library's mission statement, providing to the residents of Chataignier collections of books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, and newspapers, access to public access computers and wi-fi, programming for various ages and interests, and numerous other services to aid the Village and its residents, and,

Whereas, the funds expended for the project to build and equip the new building are set at over \$253,000, and,

Whereas, the Library Board of Control will be responsible for monthly water, electric, sewer, and grounds maintenance charges for the building as opposed to receiving all of these from the Village of Chataignier at no charge in exchange for the previous rent of \$25 per month for the previous location rented from the Village, and,

Whereas, the building will have very low sewer and water usage because it will have only one unisex bathroom with one toilet, no washer or dishwasher or shower, and will be open and occupied less than 30 hours per week, and,

Whereas, the Chataignier Branch Library building will therefore have lower water and sewer usage than typical residential homes in the Village, therefore,

Now therefore be it resolved, that the **Board of Control of the Evangeline Parish Public Library**, does hereby request that the **Board of Aldermen of Chataignier** agree to set the rates for the Chataignier Branch Library's water and sewer charges at the **residential minimums** rather than at the Village's business rate.

Duly adopted by the Board of Control of the Evangeline Parish Public Library at its special meeting held on the 22nd day of May, 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present.

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Ryan LeDay Williams
Maryselle Coates
Katy Marcantel
Sandra Jacobs
Sandra Salazar

ATTEST:

Mary L. Foster Salas

Secretary