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BENJAMIN JEWELL, City of Coldwater  
MARILYN JOHNSON, Union Twp.  
LEWIS UHRIG, Bronson

Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
Coldwater Branch Library  
10 E. Chicago St., Coldwater MI 49036  
Wednesday, May 7, 2014  
1:00 PM

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

BDL President Martha Watson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

### ATTENDANCE

Erica Ewers, Bonnie Frick, Daniel Gordon, Benjamin Jewell, Marilyn Johnson, Lewis Uhrig, Martha Watson.

### ABSENT

None.

### OTHERS PRESENT

Evette Atkin, Director; Gina Horn, Secretary; Lynnell Eash, Bronson Branch Manager; John Rucker, Assistant Director; Jeanne Berg, Bookkeeper; Roland Stoy; Jim Troust; Gary Burkhardt; Dorothy Cherry.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Motion made by Uhrig, supported by Jewell, to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried.**

### TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

### DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

1. Millage concerns: The board had some concerns that the Millage Committee doesn't have a good plan of action and lack of support. After much discussion, Watson closed discussion and called for a motion. **Motion made by Frick, supported by Gordon, to proceed with the millage in August. Ayes 6; Nay 1; Absent 0. Motion carried.**
2. Library Attorney: Tabled until the regular May meeting.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C.
4. List of Libraries
5. Commissioner's Monthly Report


**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Stoy: When do you not go for a millage when not everyone is going to vote yes for it? We should be encouraged by the Quincy School millage that passed. What more can the Millage Committee be doing?
  - Cherry: We have had a surprising number of positive reactions.
  - Troust: The road issues are what concerns most of the townships I have been to. Yes we know that penal fines are up, however it is not enough and not a long term solution.
  - Rucker: We need to know for the budget what we are going to do, sooner rather than later. If the millage doesn't pass in August, at least we will know and will be able to devolve as necessary.
  - Berg: I was on the board when we went for the first millage in 1991. We knew it might not pass, but it didn't stop us from holding a millage.
  - Burkhardt: The concerns about the committee are apparent. The common denominator is we need a new chairperson. Someone that can help with organizational issues.
1. The next scheduled meeting of the Branch District Library Board of Trustees will be held Monday, May 19, 2014 at 5:30 pm in the meeting room of the Coldwater Branch Library.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Ewers, supported by Jewell, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Bonnie Frick  
BDL Board Secretary

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