MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**  
BDL President Erica Ewers called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call / Attendance**  
Board Members Present: Erica Ewers, Daniel Gordon, Benjamin Jewell, Susan Smith.  
Board Members Absent: Marilyn Johnson (excused), Martha Watson (excused)  

4. **Time for Public Comments**  
None.

5. **Consent Agenda (Items A-N)**  
Motion made by Gordon, supported by Jewell, to approve the Consent Agenda as written and place the items within on file. Motion carried.

   A) BDL Regular Board Meeting Minutes: October 17, 2016  
   B) Financial Statements: October 2016  
   C) Branch County Penal Fine Report: September 2016  
   D) Branch County Penal Fine Report: October 2016  
   E) Director’s Report: October 2016  
   F) Assistant Director’s Report: November 2016  
   G) Branch Reports: October 2016  
   I) Book Budget: October 2016  
   K) Community Promotions Budget: October 2016  
   L) Trust Information: October 2016  
   M) Financial Information: October 2016  
   N) Publicity and Comments: October 2016

   END OF CONSENT AGENDA

6. **Approval of the Agenda**  
Motion made by Jewell, supported by Smith, to approve the Agenda as written. Motion carried.

7. **First Reading of the 2017 Operating Budget**  
Motion by Gordon, support by Smith, to close the 2017 Budget Hearing. Motion carried.
8. **The 2017 Special Revenues Budget**  
Motion by Gordon, supported by Jewell, to approve the 2017 Special Revenues Budget. Motion carried.

9. **Finance Committee: Met October 21, 2016**  
Placed on file.

10. **Amending the 2016 Operating Budget**  
Motion made by Gordon, supported by Smith, to amend the 2016 budget as presented. Motion carried.

11. **Bills: October 1, 14, 17 and October 28, 2016**  
Motion made by Jewell, supported by Gordon, to approve the bills of October 1, 14, 17 and October 28, 2016. Motion carried.

12. **Building Committee: November 3, 2016**  
Ewers contacted Mr. Cline about the stairs and told him it needs to be done by the end of December.

13. **Public Services Committee: October 27, 2016**  
Motion by Smith, supported by Gordon, to approve the Volunteer Policy as presented. Motion carried.

14. **Personnel Committee: November 11, 2016**

15. **Donation letter**  
Motion by Jewell, supported by Gordon, to approve the donation letter with changes. Motion carried.

16. **2017 Board Meeting Dates**  
Motion made by Jewell, supported by Smith, to approve the 2017 meeting dates. Motion carried.  
Roll call: Yay: 4  Nay: 0  Absent: 3

17. **Announcements**  
The next scheduled meeting of the Branch District Library Board of Trustees will be held Monday, December 19, 2016, at 5:30 pm in the meeting room of the Coldwater Branch Library.

18. **Additional Public Comments**  
None.

19. **Adjournment**  
Motion by Smith, supported by Gordon, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signed]
Sue Smith  
Acting BDL Board Secretary

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