

**NORTH LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
FY 2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP  
Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Allen Bone, Maggie Newman, Valerie Rogers, George Simpson, Brooke Wegner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Abbi Dooley, Mallory Witham

Workshop called to order by Acting Chairman Allen Bone at 5:32 p.m.

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:** None.

**BOARD BUSINESS:** None.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP:** Abbi sent out the preliminary expenditure budget for FY2024 to the Trustees prior to tonight's meeting along with an explanation of the notable items. The board had further discussion on the topics listed below. One change was made to reduce the construction budget to better align with the GMP from Martel Construction. Final changes may be made at the July 25 meeting before the budget is available for public viewing.

- Workers Compensation – budget figure is a best guess with the possibility of increased rates for the coffee shop and added employees.
- The Story Shuttle will be sold, traded in or auctioned and a new vehicle with good all-season tires purchased.
- Staff and patrons will be surveyed about the possibility of canceling the Missoulian subscription.
- Building services include added mowing through August, plowing the parking lot this winter, and a change in vendor for pest control.
- Insurance has increased substantially in the last two years due to an error discovered at MACO. It will likely increase more once renovation is complete.
- Staff wages were discussed, including the 3% increase. Abbi reminded the Trustees that the staff received a 10% increase in January 2022 and again with the FY23 budget. Until revenue figures and staffing needs in the renovated library are known, the budget can withstand the 3% increase. The budget includes funding for a Technology Librarian and two additional part-time staff members.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** The next regular meeting of the North Lake County Public Library District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at 301 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. (library's temporary location).

The workshop adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Abigail J. Dooley*  
Abbi Dooley, Library Director