



Buildings and Grounds Committee

Meeting Minutes for

April 12, 2023

1. Call to Order: Chairman Machon called the meeting of the McMillan Library Buildings and Grounds Committee to order at 5:00p.m.

2. Open Meetings Declaration: Chairman Machon established that this was a public meeting with in person and Zoom access and appropriate public notice was given.

3. Roll Call:

Committee Members:

Andrea Galvan

Doug Machon

Scott Kellogg

William Clendenning

Ryan Austin

Eric Montag

Other Board Members:

Kim Heniadis

Craig Broeren

Susan Feith

Elizabeth St. Myers

Karen Schill

Administration: Katherine Elchert, Library Director

Others in Attendance: Attorney Nick Flanagan; Eric Norton

4. Discussion of Solar Panel: D. Machon shared that he has been in contact with Scott Prah, the owner of Viking Electric. Mr. Prah indicated that he would be able to reduce the buyout amount to \$123k. This represents a reduction of \$20k. Mr. Prah is also willing to extend the contract out 1 year at current terms, and still deduct \$20k at the end of that time. Mr. Prah indicated that maintenance is to be done by Viking Electric, and that production on the array is about what it was expected to be. D. Machon noted that there is \$150k earmarked for the buyout in the library's budget.

S. Feith shared that there is some progress in investigating a potential generous donation by Mr. Rick Potter; which would be used toward the purchase of the solar array. Discussion followed regarding whether there is a matching requirement for obtaining funding from Mr. Potter's estate.

A. Galvan entered the meeting at this point.

Motion by W. Clendenning, second by D. Mahon that Buildings and Grounds recommend buying out the solar array in the amount of \$123K to the full board. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

S. Feith inquired about a maintenance contract. D. Machon stated that Mr. Prah is not interested in allowing another company to perform maintenance on the array. S. Feith noted that in last month's board meeting, Mr. Prah told the Board that access to the spare microprocessors may not be as difficult to obtain as Northwinds Solar had indicated.

Motion by W. Clendenning, second by D. Machon to reconsider previous motion on buyout. Motion carried by unanimous vote.



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Motion by W. Clendenning, second by D. Mahon that Buildings and Grounds recommend buying out the solar array in the amount of \$123K to the full board, with the condition that we obtain a maintenance agreement that is acceptable to the Board. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Items for Next Agenda: D. Machon inquired about signage. K. Elchert stated that the sign company is providing a quote.

6. Adjournment: Chairman Machon adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.