

# FINAL

**MONTANA STATE LIBRARY (MSL) COMMISSION MEETING  
2:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 9, 2011  
TELECONFERENCE CALL**

**ATTENDEES:**

Commissioners: Chairman Don Allen, Bonnie Allen, Colet Bartow, Marsha Hinch, Lee Phillips, Richard Quillin and Anita Scheetz.

Staff: Christie Briggs, Bob Cooper, Sarah Elkins, Kris Schmitz, Darlene Staffeldt, Jennie Stapp and Marlys Stark.

Visitors: None.

**Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.**

**MINUTES:**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Quillin and seconded by Commissioner Bartow to approve the minutes with full names included in the Introductions section and the motion passed.**

**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:**

The Legislature is in session and the hearings have gone okay. So far, State Librarian Staffeldt and other staff have attended more hearings than an average session. Currently the proposed five percent across the board reduction is still in the budget bill. There will be more budget action in the future.

Staffeldt recommends opposing a draft bill affecting the library law regarding inter-local asset districts if it gets past draft and into hearings. The commission agreed that the State Library should be an opponent rather than an information witness but suggest that information should be gathered that would show the potential harm to others.

There are a few other bills that staff will keep an eye on and attend hearings for including one that would reduce coal tax funds by up to ten percent. No bills have moved very far at this point so there is a lot of room for changes. There have been a few bills of interest that have been tabled and drafts that have been put on hold.

The Montana Library Association (MLA) has made a request that the courier project be continued in the amount of \$200,000 a year.

The Montana Library Association Legislative Day event was the most successful of years past with 84 congressman attending. It is believed the READ posters was the biggest draw.

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The Geospatial Multistate Archive and Preservation Partnership (GeoMAPP) grant mentioned in the Digital Library written report has been accepted.

Claudia Bickel began work for the Talking Book Library (TBL) on February 3.

## **FY11 SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Kris Schmitz presented the financial report for commission review. Changes (such as one time only (OTO) stimulus funds) since the last report were highlighted.

## **TBL TRUST REQUEST:**

The request for \$20,000 from the Trust is to cover a need for individual devices such as DTV receivers and internet radios to support Montana Audio Information Network's (MAIN) provision of Montana audio newspaper broadcasts throughout Montana for low vision patrons' access.

## **COMMISSION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

All commissioners currently plan to attend the April meeting and the Conversation with Commissioners session which will both be held in Billings during the MLA/PNLA conference.

The LSTA FY2011 budget information has been delayed although an e-mail about a partial reward has been received. Final information will be put on the April agenda if it has been received by then.

The State Librarian's evaluation will be conducted in closed session during the April meeting.

Chairman Allen reported that Parmly is moving forward on their new library. Commissioner Quillin asked for a BTOP status update from Sarah Elkins. Proposal requests and bid information documents are being sent out. Computer orders are being gathered and some have already been placed. The first equipment deliveries could be as soon as the end of February or the first part of March. If anyone has any questions, they can call in and speak to Sarah or Donci.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Although there was no public in attendance, an e-mail comment regarding access at the Bitterroot Public Library was read to the commissioners. A copy of that e-mail has been filed with the official records of the meeting.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

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1. FY11 Second Quarter Financial Report

**Motion was made by Commissioner Scheetz and seconded by Commissioner Hinch to accept the second quarter report as presented and the motion passed.**

2. TBL Trust Request

**Motion was made by Commissioner Quillin and seconded by Commissioner B. Allen to approve the request and the motion passed.**

3. Commission Bylaws

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hinch and seconded by Commissioner Quillin to approve the current bylaws as presented and the motion passed.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Any GeoMAPP or other grant award has to go through the session also as part of HB4 so it won't be in the budget until June.

Commissioner Phillips invited the other commissioners to attend Broadwater Federation's meeting in Butte on March 4 and 5. There were also a couple of additions to the calendar which was for South Central Federation on March 12 and Tamarack Federation meeting April 29 and 30 in Big Fork.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**The chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m.**