



## Forrest City Public Library Minutes – March 10, 2025

### I. CALL TO ORDER – 4:45

### II. ROLL CALL

LINDSAY HODGES, CHAIRPERSON

KAREN HODGES – *not in attendance*

JEANETTE JENKINS

EVELYN SMITH

SANDRA WRIGHT – *by phone*

**ArHOP (ARKANSAS HIGH OBESITY PREVENTION PROJECT)** - The board allowed representatives from University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, St. Francis County Extension and NEA Food Bank to present their request to partner with the library and have a mobile farmer's market at the amphitheater. The board stated that they would consider their request and get back to them at the next board meeting.

### III. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES – Meeting called to order, and it was motioned by Jeanette Jenkins and seconded by Evelyn Smith to approve minutes from the meeting in January. Motion carried.

### IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. **FINANCIALS** – It was motioned by Jeanette Jenkins and seconded by Evelyn Smith to accept the financials as presented, motion carried.
- b. **GRANTS AWARDED** – Harris reported that the library received \$10,000 grant from ALA for handicapped accessible playground equipment; \$8,460 from Entergy for the VITA program; and another \$2,000 from ALA for Hotspot lending and programming.

### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **AMPHITHEATER SITE PLAN DISCUSSION- ECOLOGICAL DESIGN GROUP, INC.** – Harris reported that the pre-construction meeting occurred on March 6, 2025. The board agreed to the *Notice to Proceed*, signed today. The projected start date is March 17, 2025.
- b. **LAND PURCHASE UPDATE** – Harris reported that she requested the mayor's office solicit bids for the removal of the house on the newly purchased property.

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **ACT 372, SB181 & SB184** – The board received a summary of how these acts affect AR libraries.
- b. **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY REVIEW** – Tabled until the next meeting.

### VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **DIRECTORS REPORT** – Arlisa reported that the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program has filed 178 returns. As of 2/5/25, the library passport facility has assisted in 100 passports and received an average of \$3,500 in passport assistance fees. Harris also reported that the library received books from the estate of Lynda Bridges. Lastly, the board received notice that St. Francis Master Gardeners will no longer maintain the library's flower beds.

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT next meeting May 19, 2025

By \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_

Lindsay Hodges, Chairperson

*Minutes prepared by Arlisa Harris on March 20, 2025*