

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD

Regular Meeting

February 26, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Lisa Depew, with Lori Davis and Kim Tibbals present to form a quorum. Also present was Josh Roberts, City Council Liaison and Mark Rose, Library Director. Jeff Kelso of City Council was also present as an observer.

2. READING OF MINUTES

A. January 22, 2025

The minutes were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. LIBRARIANS REPORT

Directors Report

Staffing – Interviews for the Librarian I position will occur tomorrow and the next day.

Old Open Positions – The City Manager has asked that the library delay refileing these 2 positions for 2 months. Mr. Rose will discuss this further as the timing of reoccupying the library becomes surer.

Library Hours – Mr. Rose shared a chart of library hours by day and week of 4 comparable libraries: Estacada, Mollala, Woodburn, Pendleton. These libraries range from 42 to 50 hours open to the public per week. Service hours are the base service of a library to the public. Hermiston is currently open 44.5 hours per week. A survey of the community will be requested to help determine new operating hours for the library when the renovation is completed. See the attached chart.

Renovation – It is planned that City Council will tour the renovation site as the work session on April 14. Mr. Rose will work to offer the Library Board a similar opportunity.

Oregon Community Foundation – Endowment Fund Update. Mr. Rose presented the attached statement and explained the background of the fund. Mr. Rose discussed potential uses of the

amount available for distribution, suggesting that it be used to update future maker space updates, or a book prize for SRP participants. He encouraged the board to suggest uses that the community would see as a great use for the funds.

7. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

8. NEXT MEETING

A. March 26, 2025

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

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