

**Latah County Library District
Board of Trustees - Minutes
May 10, 2018 Special Meeting
Moscow Library, 5:00 PM**

In attendance:

Board: Michael Riley, Jen Root (phone), Rochelle Smith, Nancy Sprague. Absent: Ivar Nelson

Staff: Carol Kampenhout, Melissa Snyder, Chris Sokol

1. *Call to order* – Smith called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.
2. *Changes or additions to the agenda* – none
3. *Public Comment* – none
4. *Discussion of McIlroy Property options* –

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the possibility of purchasing the property at 320 East Second Street, which extends north to First Street, to prepare for possible future expansion of the Moscow Library.

Kampenhout stated that Tony Matson of Hayden Ross [the LCLD's auditors] cautioned that the library district should first perform due diligence to determine if purchase of property is in the best interest of the District at this time. Trustees discussed the risk of losing the opportunity for future expansion at the current site and then needing to look elsewhere to build a new facility. The opinion was that this was a rare opportunity that may not again be available for decades. The property owner indicated her preference in selling to the library because she supports expansion. However, the time frame is very tight and it's not a good idea to buy on the spur of the moment. The City of Moscow owns the existing Moscow Library property and it would be preferable for the City, not the library district, to purchase additional property for an expanded library. Therefore the District needs to work with the City to plan for property acquisition. Even if the City if agreeable to acquiring property on behalf of the library it could take five to ten years before they can do anything.

It was decided that trustees, the director, and the business manager would pursue discussions with the City Manager, City Council, and Hayden Ross. [Root exited the meeting at 5:50 p.m.]

5. *Public comment* – None
6. *Adjourn* – Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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