

**Columbia and Boone County Library District
Minutes, Meeting of May 16, 2024**

Call to Order, Roll Call and Quorum Determination

Pat Powell called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Columbia and Boone County Library District Board members present were Shannon Alvis, Margrace Buckler, Dorothy Carner, Jacqueline Kelly, Pat Powell, and Jennifer Rodewald. August Nielsen, Khaki Westerfield, and Travis Pringle were absent.

Also in attendance were DBRL Executive Director Margaret Conroy, and DBRL managers Karen Crago, Nathan Pauley, Jim Smith, Erin Magner, and Angela Scott..

Public Comment

None

Minutes

There were no corrections or comments concerning the minutes of the August 10, 2023 Columbia and Boone County Library District Board Meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

REDI Presentation on Proposed Chapter 100 Project

Kathleen Bruegenhemke, a member of the REDI incentive committee, introduced herself as well as her fellow committee members Matt Williams and Dave Griggs; REDI President Stacy Button; and the Kraft Heinz plant manager Rob Bennett who was the main presenter for the meeting. Before handing the floor over to Rob, Kathleen gave a brief summary of the project explaining that in order for Kraft Heinz to achieve their net zero waste goals which would require major upgrades to the Columbia plant, they are requesting the 75% property tax abatement on \$49 million of new equipment in order to keep the plant in Columbia.

Rob Bennett presented on the history of the Kraft Heinz plant in Columbia sharing that it currently employs approximately 450 full-time employees. He shared more about the abatement which would last for ten years and gave perspective on why the upgrades are necessary for the plant. Rob also shared the impact of the plant in the community and to the employees sharing the various charities and programs they provide.

After the presentation, Pat Powell led a brief discussion regarding whether or not the board should support the project.

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ACTION: Rodewald moved, Kelly seconded authorizing Powell as the CBCLD representative to the Chapter 100 Taxing District Review Panel to vote in favor of the Chapter 100 project. The motion passed.

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Pat adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Emily Camden.

August Nielsen, Board Secretary