

HARRISON DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING

Director, Bissonnette
President, Richards
Treasurer, Foote
Secretary, House
Trustee Winters
Trustee Haley
Trustee Wood

UNAPPROVED

Special Meeting – December 3, 2019 at 9:30 am

Present – Director Bissonnette, President Richards, Secretary House, Treasurer Foote, Trustee Wood, Trustee Winters, Trustee Haley, Nick Loomis Staff

Absent - 0

Public – 0

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

1. The conference call with MEDC was discussed. As it turns out, Pam O’Laughlin of MMDC should not have encouraged us to apply since we are an established part of the community and just relocating. They are looking for new ventures.
2. Dave Lipovsky, Clare County Building Inspector, looked at the building and stated that all he needs to see are drawings for the new entrance way which is an addition to the structure.
3. Three companies were asked to look at the building and give us an estimate on what they thought it would cost – electrical, heating and cooling, and plumbing. They suggested about \$160,000.
4. Richard Hilton is interested in the job of General Manager and still has his license in the building trades.
5. Since we would be working with all cash, bidding for the jobs is not necessary and none of the grants we have or will apply for require it.
6. Chemical bank is prepared to loan us up to \$200,000 for a period of 15 years. We have \$200,000 is cash and pledges at this time with grant applications in the works.
7. Limitations in remodeling the existing building with our available funds were presented by Bissonnette and Loomis.
8. Haley suggested that we sell the Surrey House and stay where we are until a new plan can be developed. He assured us that there are buyers out there for

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the property.

9. After discussion, it was moved by Winters and seconded by Foote to approach the Midland Foundation for matching funds now. Yah votes (5), Nay votes (1). Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 am. The next meeting will be December 17, 2019 at 9:30 am.

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