



**Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees Meeting
October 22, 2018
Southwest Brunswick Branch Library**

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Ron Benton at 4:05 PM.

Trustees Present: Ron Benton, Sheila Umbricht, Randy Sullivan, Gibby Wilson, Emma Myles, Lena Butler, and new appointee Brett Riggs

Also present: Christi Iffergan for Maurice Tate, Brunswick County Library Director

Trustees absent: Donna Morgan and Nadine Stanley

Agenda: Introduction of Brett Riggs was added to agenda.

Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes of the June 25, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously as written after a motion by Myles and a second by Riggs.

Library Director's Report:

The Southwest Brunswick branch has been very busy since its opening.

A full-time staff member has been hired to work between Rourk and Southwest.

Unfinished Business:

Nominating committee of Wilson and Umbricht presented the follow slate of officers:

Chairman	Sheila Umbricht
Vice- Chairman	Ron Benton
Secretary	Donna Morgan

New Business: The Nominating Committees slate of officers was accepted and were duly elected unanimously after a motion by Wilson and a second by Myles.

Umbricht proposed the following by-law revisions **TO BE VOTED ON AT THE NEXT MEETING:**

1. II BOARD B: Board Members are **REQUIRED** to be library cardholders.
2. III MEETINGS A: Regular meetings shall be held on the 4th Monday at 4:00 p.m. **QUARTERLY IN FEBRUARY, APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER.**
3. III MEETINGS B. The Annual Meeting, which shall be for the purpose of the election of officers, shall be held at the regular meeting in **OCTOBER.**

Public and Closing Comments:

Benton will try to meet with Steve Stone to express his concerns about patrons' safety at Leland library. The speed bumps are being bypassed by people driving around them. Perhaps there could be a walking path between the senior center and the library.

The Board will not meet in January. The first meeting in 2019 will be February 25.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Umbricht for Donna Morgan, Secretary

Interim Library Director's Report September 28, 2018 (following cancellation of September 25, 2018 meeting due to Hurricane Florence):

All 5 libraries opened on time this past Monday and all staff members reported for duty. The buildings had only very minor damage (shingles and tree limbs down, a few leaks). Employees monitored them through the storm. All systems were quickly up and running. Customers came in immediately.

Our public libraries are a LOT more essential now than some people might have believed a month ago. You will be so proud of the staff. They have supported the public with computer assistance, wi-fi, charging stations, programs for all ages, reading and listening materials, puzzles and movies; places to spread out and work, places to sit quietly and think; cool corners and clean restrooms; and a sympathetic ear for people who just need to talk. Even some tissues and chocolates.

Staff members have helped folks contact family and FEMA and assistance services. They have stayed positive and upbeat, in spite of personal difficulties. A couple of situations required a brief walk-through by police officers. The cops were tactful and understanding, too. We really appreciate their help.