

Elbert County Library District dba Pines & Plains Libraries
Board of Trustees Study Session Minutes
April 03, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Pines & Plains Libraries met for a study session at the Elizabeth Branch.

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by RuthAnn Stricker.

2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum: Board Members present: Robert Thomasson, RuthAnn Stricker, Alan Krenek, Alessandra Navetta, and Maral Heggemeier. Staff Present: Director Susan Byrne, Kiowa Branch Manager Kim Miller, and Administrative Assistant Nat Nelson.

3. Discuss Potential Acquisition of the former Sacred Heart Church in Elbert:
Considerations:
 - a. Before the library district could possibly purchase the location, a structural engineer should be called in to assess the building.
 - b. The septic system would need an overall and would need to be made larger.
 - c. The basement in the house could have foundation issues as it is at least 50 years old.
 - d. A large number of people in Elbert visit Elizabeth to go shopping, they could also visit the Elizabeth Library while they are in town.
 - e. The sellers are asking more than the property's appraised value.
 - f. More staff would be needed to run the library if the district pursues this property.
 - g. When a lot of snow falls, how difficult would it be to access the property?

The Board is planning to make their final decision on the acquisition of the former Sacred Heart Church in Elbert during the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

4. Adjourn:
Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:02 p.m.
Alan Krenek motioned; Robert Thomasson 2nd
All approve.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6 p.m. at the Elizabeth Library Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted by Nat Nelson, Administrative Assistant