

Lyons Regional Library District Board of Trustees

Minutes - Special Meeting

March 30, 2021, 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting (COVID-19)

Attendees: Director Kara Bauman, President Bill Palmer; Trustees Leigh Williams, Ryan Chiachiere (chair of Building Committee), David Selden

1. **Open Board Meeting:** no members of the public present
2. **Building Committee Report,** Ryan Chiachiere
Selection of Design/Build Contractor for Solar Project (see two files in FACILITIES>Solar project>Proposals: *LLS-2021.03.31-Solar Services RFQP-Firm By Firm Cost Analysis* and *LLS-2021.03.31-Solar Services RFQP-Selection Cmtee Decision Memo-FINALr2*)

Ryan presented the referenced memos from Wember and described the process that the Building Committee went through to make its selection. Three firms bid on the project and all three were interviewed by the committee, which resulted in a recommendation that the Board approve moving ahead with a contract with Sandbox Solar, Fort Collins.

Leigh raised the issue of how the library solar project fit with the proposed solar project the Town of Lyons is considering, with a Town meeting coming up on April 1. David noted that the Town's project is proposed to provide only 5% of the Town's electrical needs. It was agreed that we could reconsider our decision if anything were presented at the Thursday meeting that would impact the library solar project.

The question was also raised as to why we selected the contractor with the highest bid. Bill noted that the system Sandbox Solar is proposing is slightly larger and there could be room to negotiate that price for a slightly smaller system. Ryan noted that after the interviews with all three firms, the committee felt more comfortable with Sandbox in terms of where our project would fit into their overall work. We felt we would get more attention from Sandbox than from the other proposing companies. We also felt that the educational aspects Sandbox could bring to the community after installation would be better.

MOTION by Ryan: To accept the Building Committee's recommendation and to authorize Wember to move ahead with a contract with Sandbox Solar for the installation of solar power for the Lyons Community Library. Seconded by Leigh. **VOTE:** 4 in favor; 0 opposed.

3. **Calendar of Upcoming Events**
 - 1) Next Board Meeting April 20, 2021 (5:30 pm)
4. **Adjournment**