

Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System
Special meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 16, 2024
Randolph Free Library, Randolph, NY 5:30 PM

Attendance: Don Watkins, President; Don Butler, Vice President; Reed McElfresh, Treasurer; Steve Crowley, Ned Lindstrom, Trustees; Jan Dekoff, Executive Director

Absent: Nancy Padak, Sandy Blood, Barb Kittle, Paul Benson

Guests: None

Agenda

1. Meeting called to order: Don Called meeting to order at 5:30 PM
2. Public comment (3-minute limit per person): none
3. New Business:
 - a. Erate Issue
 - i. We have two choices, ask Spectrum to give money back to Erate that they received. We write Spectrum a check for \$164,613.60. Go back to USAC and file a BEAR form. We should get most of that back (90%). Other option, we say this is a problem, accept that last year there was a problem with billing—amount we should have been credited for the routers and managed service was roughly \$22,000; we will not pursue any further action.
 - ii. Erate attorney suggested several other things that haven't worked. She said there shouldn't be a problem if we submit invoice for funding reimbursement by 2/27. We have a month to get everything in.
 - iii. Going forward, we need something in writing if USAC requires us to file routers as Category 1.
 - iv. We have cash available for this—from liquidating CDs.
 - v. Typically, 1-2 months for reimbursement after filing a BEAR form.
 - vi. No guarantee that this would happen quickly. We would be not earning interest while the money was in flux.
 - vii. Effectively, this is a \$5,500 question. There is a lot of risk with a maximum potential upside of \$5,500.
 - viii. Motion to go with option 2. Reed/Ned L moved to accept motion. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Governor's budget update: submitted budget with \$2.5M increase in library funding. Will now go into negotiations with Senate/Assembly.
 - c. Cattaraugus County contract came in with the 2% increase that was agreed upon.
4. Motion to adjourn at 5:53 PM. Don B/Steve C. Passed unanimously.