EASTERN SHORES – MID-WISCONSIN SYSTEMS JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

GoTo Session – System Offices for In-Person Attendance

June 16, 2016	Called to Order: 12:37 P.M.	Adjourned: 1:20 P.M.

PRESENT: Bruce Smith, Amy Birtell, Robert Nitsch, Steve Ruggiere, Linda Bendix, Garret Erickson, Jim Hughes, Amy Becker, Bret Jaeger, Margaret McFadden, Patrick Busch and Michael Gelhausen

ABSENT: Mark Hanson

ALSO PRESENT: Alex Harvancik of Horicon and Candy Graulich from Hustisford.

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Smith at 12:37 pm over the GoTo network.

A motion was made by McFadden to approve the agenda as presented. This was seconded by Jaeger and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Ruggiere to approve the minutes as presented. The motion to accept the minutes was seconded by Becker, and passed unanimously.

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Final Report: Smith indicated that he had made all the corrections that were brought up at the June 13 meeting and some issues in the past couple days to the Draft Final Report. It was agreed that he would walk through the document page-by-page to see if there were other corrections or changes necessary.

The first area of discussion was the changing of the language pertaining to the attempt to standardize loan periods with the new consortium. MWFLS wanted the language to revert to the June 13 version. After some discussion, the word "grandfathered" was taken out and it indicated that the system would try to develop uniform loan periods within the new operation. It was discussed this language is not implying any kind of mandate for standardization.

There were questions as to the need to have Appendix J referring to a possible third van route. The document proposes two van routes, the budget supports the two routes, and it is expected that the staff and new board would respond quickly to delivery issues should two vans not handle the load. Again, some minor wording changes were made and Appendix J was removed. Smith indicated the appendix of a 3 route option was included in the draft report to indicate the committee did consider the potential impact of increased volume. A potential route design analysis Smith did calculated that, beyond the purchase cost of a new van, additional funds would be needed to cover approximately just 20 more total miles and another hour of driver time.

Appendix I referred to some of the technology services and costs that the new system could offer.   This was not a full list of services and costs currently being offered, or that could be offered by the new system. It also was deemed to be library specific so Appendix I was also removed with the recommendation that this list be expanded to include all tech services available to member libraries and whether or not the service and cost were mandatory or optional for the libraries.

After completion of the review and after all final adjustments were made, Smith asked for comments from the committee. Bendix spoke that there was some concern among ESLS library directors that this process had been a bit rushed, and was this the best option open for consideration. McFadden felt that all issues and concerns had been reviewed and publically reported for the past four months. For any librarian to say they weren't aware of what was being proposed and the options being looked at was their own fault.

It was moved by Ruggiere that the Negotiating Teams approve this final report, and forward it on to the System Boards and four counties for action. This was seconded by Erickson, and was passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Smith thanked everyone for their time and efforts to make this document a reality. He in turn was thanked for his leadership as the facilitator of this study. This officially ends the duties of the Joint Negotiating Committee, and further action will be turned over to implementation committees and a new system board once all the approvals are completed.

It was moved by Gelhausen, and seconded by Becker to adjourn. This motion was passed unanimously at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael Gelhausen