



**Resource Sharing Committee  
Minutes  
Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 12:00-1:00 pm**

**Online via Zoom**

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The council met virtually due to the coronavirus pandemic in accordance with rules and procedures contained in section 7(e) of the OMA as (1) there is a state-issued disaster declaration related to public health concerns in place over all or part of the jurisdiction of the public body; (2) the head of the public body determines that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the disaster

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public will be able to chat or speak during the virtual Zoom meeting during the public comment. Public comments may be submitted via email to [Carolyn.Coulter@railslibraries.info](mailto:Carolyn.Coulter@railslibraries.info) at least two hours before the meeting.

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions

Present via Zoom: Dana Fine (PR), Melissa Landis (PrairieCat) Chelsey DeSplinter (PrairieCat), Carolyn Coulter (PrairieCat), Elizabeth Smith (PrairieCat), Patti Smith (RO), Kim Brozovich (RP), Rici Dale (RL) Charm Ruhnke (Chair-PU), Magda Bonny (PrairieCat), Pennie Miller (PP)

Absent: Lynne Noffke (LI), Cristy Stupegia (LS), Debbie Griggs (TC), John Slanicky (PrairieCat),

Ruhnke (Chair-PU) called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. The committee introduced themselves.

2. Introduction of Visitors and Public Comments  
There were no visitors or public comments.

3. Review agenda for additions/changes  
There were no revisions.

4. Discussion, PrairieCat Plus RFI for IT services and next steps  
Coulter (PrairieCat) gave an overview of the three RFI responses for IT services. The first is from Progent and they do not have much of a presence in Illinois. It might be difficult for them to perform in person services. Because of this, Coulter would suggest disregarding their RFI. The second RFI came from RSM. They are in Chicago, Rockford, Peoria. They are pitching a "Library in a Box" solution aimed at smaller sites that might not have a suitable IT of a set up in which case they would provide it. A downfall to RSM could be their lack of support for equipment that is not theirs and is not on their supported brands list. They would also be limited in their help with website design and maintenance. Stateline is the third

RFI. A big positive is they already have ten PrairieCat libraries as customers. They are located in Rockford and can dispatch to our service area. Stateline is a smaller company with fewer technicians and are loose with how their response time is structured.

Brozovich (RP) noticed Progent isn't in the area, which is a downfall. She like Stateline's experience with libraries. RSM also looks good, but it seems they do in a little bit of everything. Dale (RL) agrees with Brozovich. Coulter stated RSM seemed very interested. Dale likes that RSM has technicians located throughout the PrairieCat service area. Ruhnke (PU) likes that Stateline has library customers but is concerned they might be too small to handle PrairieCat. Miller (PP) thought Stateline might not be able to meet PrairieCat's needs and was more impressed with RSM and Progent. RSM would better meet our needs geographically. Landis (PrairieCat) asked if RSM would be requiring the "Library in a Box" system. She is concerned that the membership would not be able to afford the system. Coulter answered it seems RSM would prefer everyone to install their "Library in a Box" system, however, they have a list of other equipment they will also support. Coulter also mentioned the initial cost of the "Library in a Box" system could be too much for most of our libraries but would be a good investment for the libraries.

Coulter suggested conducting a survey of libraries interested in PrairieCat Plus to see the types of equipment they have and write those into any future agreements for IT servicing.

Committee agrees to send out a survey to gather information for the RFP from Stateline and RSM with a goal of having survey results and RFPs sent out by the July 27<sup>th</sup> Resource Sharing meeting.

5. Public comments  
There were no public comments.
6. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 12:46pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 1:00-2:00 pm, Senica's Oak Ridge Golf Club and/or online via Zoom