

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College

April 10, 2014

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at 11:45 a.m. in the Regency Dining Room for lunch. After lunch, the Board members adjourned to the Board of Regents Room for their regular meeting with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; Ms. Linda Patton, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. William Clements; Mr. Ken Williams and Mr. Ronny Alexander. Others present were Mr. Jim Walker; Ms. Cathy Mitchell; Mr. Tony Riley; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. Stephen Henry of the Hockley County News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVY Radio; Ms. Britney Brown of the Plainsmen Press and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Guests Present: Teresa Green, Controller; Dusty Durham and Michael Franklin of Leadership Levelland; Jim McCutchin of McCutchin Construction; Mark Harrell of Group NIRE and Noah Hyte of Next Era Energy.

Ms. Patton gave the opening prayer.

Mr. Box led the pledge to the United States Flag.

The Chairman asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes. There being none, Mr. Clements made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Alexander, vote to approve was unanimous.

Mark Harrell of Group NIRE and Noah Hyte of Next Era Energy gave a presentation to the Board of Regents detailing a possible wind farm in north east Hockley County. Value of the proposed wind farm is estimated at \$120 million. Mr. Hyte discussed the possible tax abatement plans used at other farms. This was an information presentation only, no Board action was taken.

Dr. Sharp introduced Mr. Jim McCutchin of McCutchin Construction. Mr. McCutchin presented the Bidder's List for the Development/IMET Building. He also presented the list of Recommended Bidders to the Board for the renovation of the Development/IMET Building. See Exhibit #3858. Ms. Patton made a motion to accept the Recommended Bidders list; second by Mr. Clements; approved unanimously.

Following the same format, Mr. McCutchin presented the Bidder's List and the Recommended Bidders list for Lamar Hall Renovations to the Board for their approval. See Exhibit #3859. These bids were for the renovation to be done in Lamar Hall this summer. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the Recommended Bidders list; second by Mr. Pettiet; approved unanimously.

Dr. Sharp presented the proposed employment list for 2014-2015. See Exhibit #3860. The list includes two new positions and several replacements due to retirements. Dr. Sharp discussed with the Board

the proposed employment list for the 2014-2015 Budget purposes. Mr. Neal made a motion to approval the Employment List, second by Ms. Patton. Vote to carry unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Mr. Walker explained the curriculum changes for the 2014 - 2015 school year. His report showed a total of 222 curriculum changes for all divisions. See Exhibit #3861. Mr. Pettiet motioned to approve the curriculum revisions as presented, second by Mr. Williams; the vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Finance and Administration for his report. Mr. Riley presented the Tax Office Report and Financial Reports. The Chairman asked if there were any questions regarding the reports, there being none, Mr. Alexander made a motion that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3862 and #3863. Second by Mr. Neal and the motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John, presented a report on the amount of scholarships that have been administered during the 2013-14 academic year. See Exhibit #3864. To date, the Scholarship Office has administered \$1,749,055 in scholarship funds that have been awarded to 1,167 students. SPC Foundation awards have totaled \$592,641 to 782 students this year. Approximately \$44,000 in scholarship funds remains to be awarded for the current fiscal year. SPC program scholarships have totaled \$472,792 and have assisted 323 students. Students have received \$683,622 in third party outside scholarships. He also reported that the Scholarship Office has received an 8.9% increase in scholarship applications for 2014-15 and that the SPC Foundation Board of Directors approved a \$725,650 scholarship disbursement for the next year. This is a 14% increase over what is expected to be awarded for the current year.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Sharp asked the Board to change the time of the regular May meeting to 4:00 p.m. to coincide with the Employee Recognition Banquet. Motion made by Mr. Alexander, second by Ms. Patton and motion carried unanimously.

A calendar of events listing various activities for the remainder of the school year was presented to the Board. See Exhibit #3865.

After some discussion about increasing tuition and fees, a proposal to increase tuition by \$3 per credit hour for in-district students, \$12 per credit hour for out-of-district students and \$12 per credit hour for non-residents evolved. Mr. Neal made the motion that these increases go into effect Fall 2014. Mr. Pettiet seconded that motion and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary