MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
September 8, 2011

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, September 8, 2011, 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 at 12:30 p.m. with the following present: Mr. Mike Box, Chairman; Mr. Bobby Neal, Vice Chairman; Mr. Charles Miller, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Pete Pettiet; Mr. William Clements; Mrs. Linda Patton; and Mr. Ken Williams. Others present were Mr. Darrell Grimes; Mr. Tony Riley; Mr. Stephen John; Mr. Dan Hook; Mr. Jon Rigg, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose, of KLVT; Ms. Lynda Work, of the Plainsman Press and Dr. Kelvin Sharp.

Guests present: Mr. Steve Aufill, of BGR Architects; Mr. Jim McCutchin, of McCutchin Construction.

Mr. Neal 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. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Pettiet, vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Sharp introduced Jim McCutchin and Steve Aufill. Mr. McCutchin presented the Lists of Bidders and the Recommended Bidders on the Allied Health Building to the Board. See Exhibit #3650. On the Recommended Bidders List, in category one, Robert McHam would assume the work and bid of Thrasher, Inc. Thrasher, Inc. would decline the work since they were not low bid in Category #2 also. In this instance, the low bid was not 3% below Brock Carpet’s bid, therefore Mr. McCutchin recommended the local subcontractor. The total bid was $2.18 million and 47% of that work will be done by local subcontractors.

Mr. Neal made a motion to accept the Recommended Bids as presented; second by Mrs. Patton.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Academic Affairs for his report. Mr. Grimes reported the preliminary enrollment figures for the Fall Semester 2011. See Exhibit #3651.

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. Pettiet moved that the Board accept the reports as shown in Exhibits #3652 and #3653. Second by Mr. Williams and the motion carried unanimously.

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The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Mr. John reported that the College’s Monitoring Report has been submitted as requested by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). All three areas of concern by the SACS Committee on Compliance and reports have been fully addressed. He said the College’s next step is to begin preparing for reaffirmation of accreditation, which is up for review in 2013-14. The reaffirmation process involves two activities: 1) preparation of a Compliance Certification report, and 2) development of a Quality Enhancement Plan. Mr. John presented a process timetable for both activities. See Exhibit #3654. Mr. Gary Poffenbarger, chairperson of the English Department and Professor of English, has been selected to chair the QEP Steering Committee, which will identify a topic of study and develop a focused course of action to address the topic or issue that is directly related to student learning. Regents will be involved in both processes over the next 24 months. Mr. John said more would be reported to the Board in the future.

The Chairman called on the President for his report. Dr. Sharp gave the Board updates on the Science Lab renovation, the Dome roof and the completion of HVAC renovations to Building 1 at Reese.

Dr. Sharp thanked the faculty and staff for their work with our students and acknowledged that the 2011 Fall enrollment could set another record.

Meeting adjourned.