MINUTES
Regular Meeting
BOARD OF REGENTS
South Plains College
March 11, 2021

The Board of Regents of South Plains College met on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 11:45 a.m. in the Sundown 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. Ronny Alexander, Vice Chairman; Mr. Richard Ellis, Secretary; and other members of the Board; Mr. Ty Gregory; Mr. Joe Tubb; and Mr. Jim Mara. Others present were Dr. Ryan Gibbs; Ms. Teresa Green; Dr. Stan DeMerritt; Mr. Stephen John; Ms. Kattie Moody, of the News-Press; Mr. Jody Rose of KLVT Radio; Myrna Whitehead, News and Information Coordinator; and Dr. Robin Satterwhite.

Guests present: Ms. Julie Gerstenberger, Director of Development.

Mr. Ellis 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. Mr. Ellis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Tubb, vote to approve was unanimous.

The Chairman called on the Vice President for Student Affairs for his report. Dr. DeMerritt presented the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act. See exhibit #4602. He also presented a memo sent to college administration, faculty, staff, and students that outlines the plan for the upcoming Spring 2021 graduation ceremonies in exhibit #4603.

Ms. Green presented the Tax Office Report, and Financial Reports as seen in exhibits #4604 and #4605. Mr. Tubb made the motion to accept the reports as presented. Mr. Mara seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green then presented the investment report in exhibit #4606. Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the report as presented and Mr. Gregory seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous. Ms. Green also presented a resolution for depository extension in exhibit #4607. Mr. Gregory approved the presented resolution, Mr. Mara seconded, and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Finally, Ms. Green presented four property resales: 1) Dalton and Toni Mulkey, #R9152, $3,001, exhibit #4608; 2) Humberto and Estella Levario, #R6858, $2,600, exhibit #4609; 3) Greg G. Bell, #R11797, $13,000, exhibit #4610; and 4) Adam Hernandez, #R15889, $1,000, exhibit #4611. Mr. Ellis made the motion to approve all four properties as presented and Mr. Alexander seconded. The vote to approve was
The Chairman called on the Vice President for Institutional Advancement for his report. Mr. John provided Regents with copies of the College’s 2020 Institutional Resume (Exhibit #4612) that is compiled and distributed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Mr. John explained the reports present selected accountability data that the THECB collects and compiles in the Community College Accountability System. He discussed the information about enrollment, financial aid, costs, student success and degrees and certificates awarded as reported on the resume prepared for prospective students, parents and the public. Mr. John explained that the College’s reported performance data is also compared against a large college peer group of Texas colleges. Differences between SPC’s performance data presented in the resume and averaged data for its peer group were discussed and explained. Mr. John said that the accountability data is monitored as part of the College’s program of institutional effectiveness and assessment. The Institutional Resumes are published on the THECB’s website and also on the SPC website. Mr. John then invited Ms. Gerstenberger to update on Board on the 23rd annual scholarship gala that was held virtually. See exhibit #4613 and #4614. Ms. Gerstenberger stated that despite the many changes to the traditional event, she was exceptionally pleased with the support of community members.

The Chairman then called on the President to report. Dr. Satterwhite began his report by presenting faculty rank and tenure promotion recommendations. See exhibits #4615 #4616, and #4617. Mr. Alexander made a motion to approve the promotions as presented and Mr. Gregory seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite then asked the Board’s consideration in replacing the marquee LED sign on the Levelland campus. See bid tabulations in exhibit #4618. Follow some discussion, Mr. Tubb made the motion to approve the replacement of the marquee LED sign. Mr. Mara seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Dr. Satterwhite completed his report by providing an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and the steps South Plains College is continuing to take in keeping faculty, staff, and students safe. He stated that masks will continue to be required on all campuses through the remainder of the Spring 2021 semester. Upon completion of the semester, South Plains College will continue to meet with local health administrators to determine the best course of action moving forward. He also

Meeting adjourned.