

Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees
February 24, 2014
Dolores Kaufman Boardroom

College Mission

Eastern Wyoming College is a student-centered, comprehensive community college that responds to the educational, cultural, social, and economic needs of its communities with quality, affordable educational opportunities for dynamic lifelong learning.

Vision Statement

Eastern Wyoming College will be a dynamic center for education, acting as a catalyst for individual growth, community engagement and global impact.

Special Meeting Agenda

1:30 p.m. Open Special Meeting

Approval of Agenda

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the agenda, as presented.

Approve Lancer Hall Additions Collective Financing Offer from Platte Valley Bank, First State Bank, Pinnacle Bank, and Points West Community Bank

EWC requested proposals for tax-exempt private placement revenue bond financing from the Torrington banks on 1/15/2014 in the amount of \$4.23 million for the purpose of increasing the number of student beds at Lancer Hall and refunding the outstanding 2006 revenue bonds. This RFP was authorized by the Trustees on 1/14/2014. On 1/29/2014, Addendum #1 to the RPF was issued that requested terms for an alternate repayment schedule to start on 9/1/2014 instead of 6/1/2014. On 2/7/2014, an informational meeting was held with interested banks, and Barbara Bonds was available to answer questions. Proposals were due on 2/14/2014. U.S. Bank and Bank of the West indicated that they had reviewed our RFP and could not meet our requested terms due to conflicts with their own lending policies. Platte Valley Bank, First State Bank, Pinnacle Bank, and Points West Community Bank have agreed to participate equally in an offer shown in the appended letter. Platte Valley Bank will be the lead bank. The terms are a 2.5% fixed annual interest rate for 10 years with the rate to be reset as of 3/1/2024 for the last 10 year period according to the 10 year U.S. Treasury Bond Rate, less .20%. Prepayment of the bonds would be allowed without penalty after 3/1/2017. I feel that this is an excellent offer that will meet our needs very nicely and Barbara thinks that the interest rate is great. Upon approval of this offer, she will prepare the necessary legal documents for review and approval at the next March 11 Board of Trustees meeting. The bond closing with the banks will occur shortly thereafter. Please see **Appendix A** for financing offer and repayment schedule.

Prepared by Ron Laher, Vice President for Administrative Services

Recommended Action: Approve financing offer from Platte Valley Bank, First State Bank, Pinnacle Bank, and Points West Community Bank, as presented, for the purpose of constructing the proposed Lancer Hall Additions and refunding the outstanding 2006 revenue bonds with the first scheduled bond payment to occur on 9/1/2014 as outlined in the alternate repayment schedule.

Authorization to Open Bank Accounts

Separate public funds, interest-bearing savings bank accounts will be needed to manage the proposed \$4.23 million revenue bond issue. Bids are being currently solicited and a recommendation will be hand-carried to the special board meeting.

1. **Lancer Hall Additions Construction Account.** This account will be a short-term account that will remain open during the construction of the Lancer Hall Additions, approximately 12-18 months, with an initial deposit occurring in March 2014 in the amount of \$4,230,000.00. As expenses occur for the project, funds will be withdrawn from the account.
2. **Lancer Hall Additions Maintenance & Repairs Account.** This account will be a long-term account opened to service the requirements of the revenue bonds associated with the Lancer Hall Additions. It will be opened in March 2014, with an initial deposit of approximately \$200,000.00. Additional deposits may occur at later dates so that the balance of the account will equal, at a minimum, 7% of the bond proceeds.

Prepared by Karen Parriott, Business Office Director

Recommended Action: Motion to Approve Opening Bank Accounts, as recommended.