

**Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees**  
**February 16, 2015**  
**Dolores Kaufman Boardroom**

**Special Board Meeting Minutes**

The Eastern Wyoming College Board of Trustees met in a special session on February 16, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dolores Kaufman Boardroom.

Those members attending were Angie Chavez, Marilyn Fisher, John Patrick, Lowell Kautz, Mike Varney, George Nash, and Julie Kilty (via teleconference). Todd Peterson, representing the EWC Foundation was also in attendance.

Mr. Laher informed the Board that he was bringing forward for their consideration two motions. The first motion relating to applying for a Wyoming Business Council grant and loan package. The Board would need to determine whether to request the City of Torrington or the County to support a joint resolution for the grant application.

The second motion relates to a request to the City of Torrington to serve as the applicant of a Federal Mineral Royalty Capital Construction Account grant on behalf of EWC for the enlargement of the existing storm sewer line.

Todd Peterson stated the Foundation had some concerns relating to the timeline for construction of the ATEC and their feeling that the long timeline will affect the Foundation's ability to raise funds in support of the building.

Mr. Laher reviewed the construction timeline for financing, design, and construction deadlines and schedules.

**ACTION:** The Board was requested to approve the agenda. Mr. Varney moved and Mr. Nash seconded the motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Mr. Laher informed the Trustees that the College anticipates asking the Wyoming Business Council for the maximum amounts available for each category estimated to be up to a \$3 million grant and \$2 million loan. He further noted, upon approval of both sides (grant and loan), an appropriate contingency, development, and site lease agreement would be developed. Mr. Laher indicated the grant application is due by May 15, 2015. Discussion ensued on whether to work with the City of Torrington or the County for the application to the Wyoming Business Council. It was noted that either entity would be acceptable, however, for four years the entity would own the building. Following the four years, the building would be turned over to the College. A motion was made by Marilyn Fisher to authorize Dr. Patterson to formally request support of a joint resolution from the City of Torrington to apply for a Wyoming Business Council Grant and Loan Package on behalf of EWC for the Agricultural Technology Education Center construction costs, as presented. Mr. Patrick seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

**ACTION:** The Board was then informed that the amount needed for the enlargement of the existing storm sewer line project is tentatively estimated to be \$356,000 to \$453,000 as two options are being considered. Mr. Laher indicated the grant application is due September 17. He further noted that some of the sewer line is on non-college property so further discussions will be needed with City officials to determine exactly how the project will be managed. The project may be bundled with other drainage mitigation strategies that will be implemented in the immediate area in conjunction with the CTEC project to provide for the local match. Mr. Varney indicated it is important to the City to get the storm sewer line corrected in order to protect the college land from the drainage north of the college. Mr. Patrick moved and Mr. Kautz seconded to authorize Dr. Patterson to formally request support of a joint resolution from the City of Torrington to serve as an applicant of a Federal Mineral Royalty Capital Construction Account Grant on behalf of EWC for the enlargement of an existing storm sewer line, as presented. The motion carried with Mr. Varney abstaining.

There being no further business the special meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Holly L. Branham

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Angie Chavez, Acting President

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Marilyn Fisher, Secretary