PROPOSED AGENDA

A. Call to Order, Ms. Wisniewski

B. Roll Call

C. Introduction of Visitors
   1) Community Comments

D. Board Chairperson Comments
   1) Copy of Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available at back of room

E. Consent Calendar
   1) Review Contents of Consent Calendar
      a) Agenda
      b) Excuse Absent Board Member(s)
      c) Minutes
         1) Regular Meeting, April 15, 2009
      d) Claims (Enclosure)
         1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $2,481,739.38
         2) WCCA Restricted Fund - $33,632.10
         3) WCCA Federal Fund - $6,086.53
         4) WCCA Agency Fund - $33,302.39
         5) WCCA Loan Fund - $42,98
         6) WCCA Plant Fund - $392,569.73
         7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $95,118.06
      e) City Planning Commission Reports
      f) Reports and Proposals
         1) From the Students
         2) From the Faculty
         3) From the Administration
         4) From the Board
E. Consent Calendar – Cont

2) Approval of Consent Calendar
3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Consent Calendar

F. Bid Consent Calendar

1) Review Contents of Bid Consent Calendar
   b) #09-Veh-17 – Used 4 Door Sedans
   c) Ratify Administrative Action – Re: #09-EQ-19 – Vertical Lift
   (Pages 4 – 4d)
   (Pages 4e – 4g)
   (Page 4h)

2) Approval of Bid Consent Calendar
3) Consideration of Items Extracted From Bid Consent Calendar

G. Personnel Consent Calendar

1) Review Contents of Personnel Consent Calendar
   a) Resignation(s):
      1) Dr. Daniel P. Kinney, Vice President of Student Services
      2) Ms. Jill L. Warner, K-14 Outreach Education Coordinator
   b) Appointment(s):
      1) Mr. Terry B. Gaalswyk, Vice President of Educational Services
      2) Mr. Jeffrey L. Pippitt, Honorary Status of WNCC Professor Emeritus
      3) Mr. Cody Childers, WNCC Power Line Fellowship
   (Pages 5 – 5a)
   (Handout)
   (Pages 5b – 5e)
   (Pages 5f – 5g)
   (Handout)

2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar
3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

H. Reports and Recommendations from Human Resources Committee – Committee Chair, Mr. Groshans

1) Agreement between Western Nebraska Community College and WNCC Foundation (Pages 6 – 6b)
2) Appointment: Ms. Dayle L. Wallien, Foundation Executive Director for WNCC (Pages 6c – 6f)
I. Western Community College Area Board of Governors – Ms. Wisniewski

1) Informal Meetings
   a) Budget Work Sessions
      1) June 17, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – General Fund
      2) July 15, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – Designated Fund, Restricted Fund
      3) August 19, 2009, 10:30 a.m. – Capital Construction Fund
      4) September 9, 2009, 10:30 a.m. – Final Review of All Budgets

2) Public Hearings on Proposed 2009 – 2010 WCCA Budgets
   a) September 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m.

3) Regular September 2009 Board Meeting
   a) September 9, 2009, immediately following the Public Hearings on the
      Proposed 2009 – 2010 WCCA Budgets

J. Monitoring Reports

1) Presentation: Valley Ambulance Services, Inc. Equipment Donation – Mr. Jordan Meiningher

2) 2008 – 2009 USA/Phi Theta Kappa Nebraska All Academic
    Team – Ms. Carla Stein
    a) Ms. Deborah K. Rosentrater

3) 2009 – 2010 Budget – Mr. Knapper
    a) Budget Preview

4) 2009 Legislation – Mr. Groshans
   a) LB 103 – Change Provisions Relating to postsecondary Educational Institutions’
      Capital and Facility Expenditures
   b) LB 232 – Permit Sales of Alcoholic Liquor by Community College Culinary Programs
   c) LB 340 – Require the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to
      Evaluate Community College System

5) Higher Learning Commission – Ms. Barkeloo, Ms. Dickinson
   a) HLC/NCA Annual Meeting
   b) Accreditation Visit
      1) February 2010

6) Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission – Mr. Miller
J. Monitoring Reports – Cont

7) Nebraska Community College Association – Dr. Gramberg, Dr. Perkins
   a) Second Quarter Meeting
      1) May 4, 2009
      2) Southeast Community College

8) Association of Community College Trustees – Dr. Perkins

K. Executive Session

   1) 2009 – 2010 Collective Bargaining

L. Board Member Comments

M. President’s Comments

N. Upcoming Meeting

   1) Nebraska Community College Association Board of Directors
      a) Regular Meetings
         1) Third Quarter Meeting
            A) August 10, 2009
            B) Mid-Plains Community College - McCook
         2) Annual Meeting
            A) November 3 and 4, 2009
            B) Embassy Suites, Lincoln
            C) Host: Southeast Community College

   2) Association of Community College Trustees
      a) 2009 Leadership Congress
         1) October 7 – 10, 2009
         2) San Francisco, CA
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N. Upcoming Meetings – Cont

3) Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

   a) Regular Meeting
      1) August 20, 2009

O. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 1:00 p.m., Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

P. Adjournment
MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

TIME AND PLACE
Board of Governors was held at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27th Street, in the City of Scottsbluff, in the County of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, as per the publicized notice in the Star-Herald, on Saturday, May 16, 2009, with the following members present: Timothy H. Daniels, Meryln L. Gramberg, L. Paul Leeseberg, Dennis W. Miller, Jr., Jack L. Nelson, Jecca R. Ostrander, M. Thomas Perkins, Darrell E. Roberts, Richard G. Stickney, Jane Wisniewski, Chairperson. Absent: Jacqueline M. Cervantes-Guzman. Student Representatives present: None. Faculty Representatives present: Guy Wylie, Scottsbluff Campus; Rich Cecava, Sidney Campus. College staff present: William D. Knapper, Coral E. Richards, Garry R. Alkire, David E. Groshans, Daniel P. Kinney, Kathryn J. Shirley, Melina L. Burbach, Paul G. Jacobsen, Carla Stein, Mary Barkeloo, Paulette Yarnall. College Attorney present: Richard A. Douglas. A current agenda was available in the College President’s office and the Board Secretary’s office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.

QUORUM
Ms. Wisniewski declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

VISITORS
Visitors were: Richard Myers, Monty Betancur, T. J. Krajewski, Jordan Meininger, Deborah Rosentrater, Scottsbluff.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS
Ms. Wisniewski asked for comments from the community. There were none.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS
Ms. Wisniewski announced that for public information there is a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act available on the table at the back of the room.

Ms. Wisniewski reported that Ms. Cervantes-Guzman notified the Secretary she would be unable to attend the meeting today because of Personal Business.

Ms. Wisniewski extended congratulations to the 2009 graduates. She also thanked the College staff for all of their effort to ensure a successful ceremony. Ms. Wisniewski
remarked it was a wonderful day. Ms. Wisniewski also extended congratulations to the recipients of awards presented during the Awards Ceremony held at each campus.

Ms. Wisniewski reported that Dr. Ely is unable to be at the meeting today because of a family illness. She is with her parents who live in the State of Washington.

Ms. Wisniewski reviewed the contents of the Consent Calendar which include the following items:

1) Agenda, May 20, 2009
2) Excuse Absent Board Members – Cervantes-Guzman
3) Minutes
   a) Regular Meeting, April 16, 2009
4) Claims
   a) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $2,481,739.38
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   e) WCCA Loan Fund - $42,98
   f) WCCA Plant Fund - $392,569.73
   g) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $98,118.06
5) City Planning Commission Reports – Attachment A
6) Reports and Proposals
   a) From the Students – Attachment B
   b) From the Faculty – Attachment C
   c) From the Administration
   d) From the Board

Ms. Wisniewski inquired if there were any item(s) on the Consent Calendar which any Board member wished to have removed for separate consideration. There were none.

Mr. Daniels declared a Conflict of Interest and will abstain from voting on the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Nelson moved the Consent Calendar be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Leseberg. The vote was, Yes: Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Wisniewski. No: None. Abstain: Daniels. Absent: Cervantes-Guzman. Motion carried.

There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar.
Ms. Wisniewski reviewed the contents of the Bid Consent Calendar which include the following item(s):

1) #09-Fur-15B – Institutional Furniture 2008 – 2009 - Attachment D
2) #09-Veh-17 - Used Four-Door Sedans
3) Ratify Administration Action – Re: #09-EQ-19 – Vertical Lift – Attachment E

Ms. Wisniewski inquired if there were any item(s) on the Bid Consent Calendar which any Board member wished to have removed for separate consideration.

Mr. Nelson requested Bid #09-Veh-17 – Used Four-Door Sedans be removed for separate consideration.

Mr. Roberts moved the Board approve the amended Bid Consent Calendar. Seconded by Mr. Miller. The vote was, Yes: Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Daniels, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Cervantes-Guzman. Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson reported the Budget and Finance Committee met earlier today to consider bids. He reported that he requested Bid #09-VEH-17 be extracted for separate consideration so the Board could consider the best bid.

Mr. Nelson reported the Committee reviewed bids received on May 20, 2009, for two used Four-Door Sedans. He reported the Committee reviewed bids from the following firms:

- Steve’s Auto, Scottsbluff, NE $28,000.00
- Masid Chevrolet Company, Morrill, NE $29,500.00
- GMC of Chadron, Chadron, NE $29,998.00
- Cover Jones Motor Company, Alliance, NE $33,086.00
- Team Auto Center, Scottsbluff, NE $33,964.00

Mr. Nelson reported that C & R Motors, Morrill, NE, also submitted a bid; however, the bid did not meet the model year 2008 or 2009 specification.

Mr. Nelson reported the amount listed is for two vehicles. He reported the bid specifications requested the used vehicles be manufactured in the United States. The specifications also requested that each vehicle have less than 20,000 miles with the balance of factory warranty. There was a listing of minimum specifications for each vehicle as well as
an option for inclusion of preferred specifications. Mr. Nelson reported the Budget and Finance Committee is recommending the Board approve the best value bid submitted by GMC of Chadron, Chadron, NE, in the amount of $29,998 for two 2009 Chevrolet Impala vehicles.

Mr. Nelson moved the Board approve the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to accept the best value bid submitted by GMC of Chadron, Chadron, NE, in the amount of $29,998 for two used four-door sedans. Seconded by Dr. Perkins. The vote was, Yes: Leseberg, Miller, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Daniels, Gramberg, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Cervantes-Guzman. Motion carried.

Ms. Wisniewski reviewed the contents of the Personnel Consent Calendar which include the following resignation(s) and appointment(s):

1) Resignation(s):
   a) Dr. Daniel P. Kinney, Vice President of Student Services, effective July 1, 2009.

2) Appointment(s):
   a) Mr. Terry B. Gaalswyk, Vice President of Educational Services, effective July 20, 2009, through June 30, 2010, salary to be prorated from an annual salary of $96,000.
   b) Mr. Jeffrey L. Pippitt, Honorary Statatus of WNCC Professor Emeritus.
   c) Mr. Cody Childers, WNCC Power Line Fellowship, effective May 19, 2009, through May 18, 2010, salary to be $31,200.00.

Ms. Wisniewski inquired if there were any item(s) on the Personnel Consent Calendar which any Board member wished to have removed for separate consideration. There were none.

Mr. Stickney moved the Personnel Consent Calendar be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Daniels. The vote was, Yes: Miller, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Cervantes-Guzman. Motion carried.
There were no items extracted from the Personnel Consent Calendar.

Mr. Daniels reported the Human Resources Committee met earlier today to consider the agreement between Western Nebraska Community College and the WNCC Foundation. He asked Mr. Groshans to present the agreement.

Mr. Groshans reported an agreement which provides for the employment of the Foundation Director and the sharing of certain assets and services for the director was agreed to by both the Foundation Board of Directors and the Board of Governors in 2008 when Mr. Berge was hired as the Foundation Director. He referred Board members to the mailed packet which includes a copy of an updated agreement between Western Nebraska Community College and the Western Nebraska Community College Foundation. The updated agreement presented today stipulates that the College shall and has hired Ms. Dayle L. Wallien as the Executive Director of the WNCC Foundation at a specified salary plus the standard fringe benefits under an administrative contract. The agreement further stipulates that the Foundation shall pay the College on a monthly basis an amount equal to the monthly salary and benefits of Ms. Wallien. Mr. Groshans reported all other terms of the agreement remain in full force and effect. Mr. Groshans reported the Foundation Board of Directors has approved the agreement. Mr. Groshans commented the agreement will ensure compliance with the provisions of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission.

Mr. Daniels moved the Board of Governors approve the Agreement between Western Nebraska Community College and the WNCC Foundation as presented. Seconded by Mr. Stickney. The vote was, Yes: Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Cervantes-Guzman. Motion carried. (A signed copy of the agreement is attached in the official minute book.)

Appointment: Ms. Dayle L. Wallien
Foundation Executive Director for WNCC

Ms. Ostrander moved the Board approve the appointment of Ms. Dayle L. Wallien as the Foundation Executive Director for the Western Nebraska Community College effective June 8, 2009, through June 30, 2010. She further moved that Ms. Wallien’s salary be prorated from an annual salary of $52,000. Ms. Ostrander further moved that Ms. Wallien’s employment will be strictly contingent upon continued
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funding from The Foundation of Western Nebraska Community College. Seconded by Mr. Daniels. The vote was, Yes: Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Nelson, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Cervantes-Guzman. Motion carried.

Ms. Wisniewski reported that preparation of the 2009 – 2010 WCCA Budgets is underway. She commented that it is customary for the Board to hold work sessions on the budgets prior to the Regular meetings during the summer months. She suggested that the Board hold informal meetings for the purpose of work sessions on the budgets as follows:
June 17, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – General Fund; July 15, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – Designated Fund, Restricted Fund; August 19, 2009, 10:30 a.m. – Capital Construction Fund; September 9, 2009, 10:30 a.m. – Final Review of All Budgets.

Mr. Miller moved the Board hold informal meetings for the purpose of work sessions on the proposed 2009 – 2010 WCCA Budgets on the following dates and times: June 17, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – General Fund; July 15, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – Designated Fund, Restricted Fund; August 19, 2009, 10:30 a.m. – Capital Construction Fund; September 9, 2009, 10:30 a.m. – Final Review of All Budgets. He further moved the work sessions be held in the Boardroom on the Scottsbluff Campus. Seconded by Mr. Leseberg. The vote was, Yes: Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Nelson, Ostrander, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Cervantes-Guzman. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Proposed 2009 – 2010 WCCA Budgets

Ms. Wisniewski reported the approved 2009 – 2010 WCCA Budgets have to be filed with the State Auditor and the County Clerk of each county within the Western Area by September 20, 2009. She suggested the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009 – 2010 WCCA Budgets be held at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, in the Boardroom on the Scottsbluff Campus.

Mr. Daniels moved the Board hold the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2009 – 2010 WCCA Budgets on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus. Seconded by Mr. Miller. The vote was, Yes: Roberts, Stickney, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Cervantes-Guzman. Motion carried.
Ms. Wisniewski reported that pursuant to Board Policy the established date for the Regular September Board meeting is September 16, 2009. She suggested the Board hold the Regular September 2009 Board meeting immediately following the Public Hearings on the Proposed 2009 – 2010 WCCA Budgets.

Mr. Nelson moved the Board hold the Regular September 2009 Board meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, immediately following the Public Hearings on the Proposed 2009 – 2010 WCCA Budgets, in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus. Seconded by Dr. Gramberg. The vote was, Yes: Stickney, Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Cervantes-Guzman. Motion carried.

Ms. Wisniewski introduced Mr. Jordan Meininger, Mr. Monty Betancur, and Mr. T. J. Krajewski from Valley Ambulance Services. On behalf of Valley Ambulance Services, Inc., Mr. Meininger will present an ambulance to the College.

Dr. Shirley reported the College has training agreements and wonderful relationships with Regional Western Medical Center, Panhandle Partnership for Health and Human Services, and Valley Ambulance Services. She commented that the ambulance will provide hands-on training for students who are preparing to be Emergency Medical Service providers.

Ms. Wisniewski declared a ten minute recess at 1:14 p.m. so that Board members and guests could view the ambulance which is parked in the east parking lot.

Ms. Wisniewski declared the Open meeting in session at 1:26 p.m.

Mr. Meininger thanked the Board and the College for the opportunity he had to train to become an Emergency Medical Technician and a Paramedic. He commented that he began his training at "ground zero." Mr. Meininger reported that as a result of the training the College provides, he and others are qualified to serve as a medical first responders to those in need. He remarked the ambulance will allow students to experience hands-on training. Mr. Meininger presented the keys to the ambulance to Ms. Wisniewski.
On behalf of the College, Ms. Wisniewski accepted the ambulance that will be used for training of emergency medical service providers. Ms. Wisniewski thanked Valley Ambulance Services, Inc. for this donation. In accepting the ambulance Ms. Wisniewski reported the donation is very timely, as this is national Emergency Medical Services week. Ms. Wisniewski commented that western Nebraska has always been a leader in emergency medicine. She reported that nationwide, 80 percent of all first responders have received their training at a community college.

Again, Ms. Wisniewski thanked Valley Ambulance Services, Inc. for the donation of the ambulance, and their support of Western Nebraska Community College.

Ms. Stein reported the USA/Phi Theta Kappa Nebraska All Academic Team is a division of the Academic All-American Team for Community, Technical, and Junior College students. The All-American team is an international program sponsored annually by Phi Theta Kappa, USA Today, and the American Association of Community Colleges. In Nebraska, each community college campus can nominate up to two students. She reported that students must complete a daunting application which includes pages on honors and awards, campus involvement, and community activities. In addition the applicant must answer discussion questions, write a two page essay and submit transcripts with the completed application form.

Ms. Stein reported the College submitted five outstanding nominees: Kara Glenn, Jeanne DeCoste, TaeHyun Park Christine Stolz, and Deborah Rosentrater. Ms. Stein reported the students are invited to attend a ceremony and a banquet in Lincoln. This year the event was held on April 22. She reported Speaker of the Legislature, Senator Flood, gave the opening remarks, and Dr. Ely was the host. Ms. Stein reported that each community college asks one of their students to give a speech at the banquet.

Ms. Stein introduced Ms. Deborah Rosentrater who was the speaker from the Western Area.

Ms. Rosentrater presented the speech she gave at the banquet. She thanked the College for the opportunity to apply for the All-USA Community College Academic Team. She extended congratulations to her fellow Academic Team members.
Ms. Rosentrater reported that her greatest endeavor has been her decision to enroll at the College with the intent of completing an Associate Degree in Social Work. She reported that when she enrolled at the College she was in the midst of a divorce and had lost her only source of income from a job she had held for ten years. The thought of attending college, taking tests, and being successful was frightening. After the initial terror of starting college at age forty-five, she realized she was doing something that would benefit not only herself but also her children and others. She reported that access to higher learning has made her life fun and exciting, and going to college was the best decision she had ever made. Knowledge without sacrifice can limit true understanding. The choice to attend college has also created difficult decisions and sacrifices. It is not easy to juggle children, classes, work, food, committees and so much more on a daily/weekly basis. She stated that Dr. Ely made the following statement. “An education is a gift.” Ms. Rosentrater remarked the gift of education will benefit her family and everyone else that crosses her path. It is a gift that no one can take away from her.

Ms. Rosentrater reported one of her goals is to transfer to a four year institution and obtain a Masters Degree in Social Work. Upon completion of her Master’s Degree, she wants to help people, especially those who are often ignored by the affluent. She wants to help them to believe in themselves, build up their self-confidence, and obtain a job. She hopes to teach them ways to proudly care for and feed their families. Her own experiences will help her to be more cognizant and empathic to those in need. She remarked there is nothing more fulfilling than reaching out to others. She quoted the Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director, Mr. Rod Risley. “We value knowledge with the purpose to help others; that is the Phi Theta Kappa objective.” Ms. Rosentrater stated that is also her soul’s objective. In closing, she thanked the College and her family for giving her the opportunity to attend college, and stated that she is honored to be a member of the Nebraska Academic All American Team. (A copy of the full text of Ms. Rosentrater’s speech is attached in the official minute book.)

Ms. Stein reported that Ms. Rosentrater was named the recipient of the Alliance Campus Board of Governors Award. This is the highest award presented during the annual Awards Ceremonies.
Mr. Knapper referred Board members to a very preliminary WCCA General Fund 2009 - 2010 Budget. Mr. Knapper reported the proposed budget represents a 5.28 percent increase over the 2008-2009 Budget. He reported the proposed budget has been developed by having the staff charged with budget authority submit a proposed budget request for their area of responsibility. The President's Cabinet reviewed the budget requests and then asked those with budget authority to revise their requests to be in line with the projected revenue sources.

Mr. Knapper reviewed the expected revenue sources. Tuition and Fees are projected to increase slightly over eight percent. This projection is based on the three percent increase in the tuition and fee rate plus an anticipated five percent increase in enrollment. Mr. Knapper reported the revenue from Business and Industry training represents the projected Full-time Equivalency enrollment from Dr. Shirley and Ms. Amoo, and is a 15.9 percent increase above the previous year. Mr. Knapper reported state-aid revenue has been projected based on the community college system receiving a 1.5 percent increase in state funding. He reported when calculated through the funding formula, the College will receive $425,510 (3.37 percent) less in state-aid than last year. In anticipation of this reduction in state-aid, the Board approved a 2009 levy that would generate a $255,000 cash reserve. This amount has been used to balance the proposed budget. Mr. Knapper reported the funding formula allows each community college area to levy 20 percent more or 20 percent less than more than the local effort rate. Mr. Knapper reported property taxes are projected to increase 18.64 percent which will require a levy of $.088873 cents. He reported interest and transfers remain flat. Miscellaneous income has been reduced because last year the College received a dividend from the Community College Insurance Trust.

Mr. Knapper reported the projected expenses include a 6.39 percent increase in personnel costs. This increase represents an increase of thirteen percent in insurance costs and three additional faculty positions that were not included in the previous year's budget. He reported the operations budget is projected to increase 7.34 percent, travel 6.52 percent and equipment 2.55 percent. Mr. Knapper reported the expense also reflect a $259,350 drawdown of contingency funds.
Mr. Knapper asked for questions or comments from the Board. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Knapper reported that at this time, he cannot project the cash reserve balance after the drawdown.

Mr. Knapper remarked the General Fund Budget will be presented in greater detail during the Informal meeting in June.

Mr. Groshans reported LB 103, which would change provisions relating to Postsecondary Educational Institutions Capital and Facility Expenditures, was placed into LB 440 as amendment 1233. Mr. Groshans reported the amendment increases the threshold to $2 million for capital construction projects subject to approval by the Coordinating Commission, and to $85,000 for projects expected to incur an annual increase of tax funds for operations and maintenance. LB 440 strikes references to racial, ethnic and cultural diversity to harmonize provisions of the Student Diversity Scholarship Act with Section 30, Article 1. LB 440 with the amendment has been approved by the Legislature and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.

Mr. Groshans reported that LB 232, which would allow community colleges with culinary education programs to apply for and receive a catering license and a Class 1 license under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, has been approved by the Legislature. The bill is awaiting the Governor’s signature.

Mr. Groshans reported that LB 340, the bill which would give the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education the additional duty to make a one-time evaluation of the current community college funding formula was signed by the Governor on April 22, 2009. Mr. Groshans commented Dr. Perkins will have some additional information about the study during the Nebraska Community College Association report later in the meeting.

Mr. Groshans reported that yesterday, May 19, 2009, the Governor signed LB 315, the mainline appropriations bill for the biennium ending June 30, 2011. The community colleges will receive a 1.5 percent increase each year.

Ms. Barkeloo reported that she, Dr. Ely, Mr. Groshans, Dr. Kinney, Mr. Hovey, Mr. and Mrs. Alkire, and Ms. Dickinson, attended the Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association Annual meeting that was held in Chicago on April 17 through April 21, 2009. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen were
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also scheduled to attend; however, due to inclement weather conditions they could not make flight connections.

Ms. Barkeloo reported there were many sessions from which to select. A prior review of the program allowed College staff to select sessions to maximize attendance. Session topics included opportunities to learn more about the self-study process as well as federal compliance, resource room, strategic planning, and student learning, diversity, and retention. Upon return to the College, Mr. Alkire reviewed with the committee some suggestions regarding the self-study document. The suggestions were consistent with what had been outlined by the Committee Co-Chairs and core committee co-chairs.

Ms. Barkeloo reported the proposed members of the Visitation Team have been received, reviewed and the required documents confirming the team members have been returned to the Higher Learning Commission. The team members consist of faculty and staff from community/technical colleges in Kansas, Arizona, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Ms. Barkeloo reported work continues on the self-study document and the necessary steps to complete the project are being taken. She reported the Leadership Committee has begun reviewing the written self-study document beginning with Core Component 1.

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Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission

There was no report from the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission.

MONITORING REPORTS
Nebraska Community College Association Second Quarter Meeting

Dr. Gramberg reported that he and Dr. Perkins attended the Second Quarter meeting of the Nebraska Community College Association Board of Directors held on May 4, 2009. The meeting was held at Southeast Community College. He reported it was a very congenial meeting. The Board continued work on the evaluation of the Executive Director, Mr. Dennis Baack. The Board also reviewed the status of the financial audit with the auditors.

Dr. Perkins reported that with the expulsion of the Metro Area from the Nebraska Community College Association, the Association means the loss of the Metro Area’s dues to support some of the Association Budget. The Board also discussed the need for the Association to have a balanced
budget and to continue to focus attention on the role and mission of the Association. Because the loss of these funds could jeopardize the role and mission of the Association, Mr. Baack has taken measures to reduce the budget. He has suggested that he be allowed to use reserve funds; however, he would not reduce the reserve funds to below $30,000. Dr. Perkins reported the Association Board members discussed Mr. Baack's recommendation and raised the concern that lowering the reserves to that level would be too low and could prove harmful to the Association.

Dr. Perkins reported the Association Board discussed having a special assessment for the 2009 year in order to maintain a $60,000 cash reserve. After discussion it was agreed to assess Association member colleges an additional fee to ensure the Association budget would be balanced and the Association would continue its role and mission. Dr. Perkins reported a total assessment of $50,000 was agreed to. The assessment for each college would be based on the current method of assessing member colleges. Dr. Perkins reported that Mr. Baack has indicated that the assessment notices will be mailed by June 1, 2009, and the fees will be due by September 1, 2009. Dr. Perkins reported the Board agreed to allow each college to determine when to pay the fee. Some colleges may choose to pay the fee from the 2009 budget year, while others may choose to wait until the 2010 budget year.

Dr. Perkins reported a part of the fiscal discussion included the retention of the Association Lobbyist, Mr. Tom Vickers. The Board of Directors agreed that Mr. Vickers is a valuable asset and should be retained. The Board believes that following the results of the Coordinating Commission's review of the community colleges and the Association role and mission, the Commission's recommendations to the Education Committee could result in positive or negative legislation. Mr. Vicker's history and expertise may prove to be invaluable during the 2010 Legislative session.

Dr. Perkins reported at the last Board of Governors meeting, he highlighted some of the proposed changes to the Association By-Laws. He reported the proposed By-Laws were distributed to the Association Board members during the Second Quarter meeting with very little discussion. The discussion will be postponed until each area Board of Governors has an opportunity to review and respond to the proposed changes. Dr. Perkins reported at the June Board of Governors meeting, the proposed Association By-Laws will
be distributed to Board members for review. During the July
Board of Governors meeting, the By-Laws will be discussed.
Any suggestions for change will be taken to the Association
Board of Directors Third Quarter Meeting for further
discussion and possible revision. Dr. Perkins reported the By-
Laws will be presented to the delegates for action during
the Annual Association Meeting to be held in November.

Dr. Perkins announced that the Coordinating Commission
will hold a public hearing on June 18, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in
Room 1524 at the State Capitol, in Lincoln. The purpose of
the hearing is to receive public testimony regarding the
study mandated by LB 340. Dr. Perkins reported that Mr.
Baack has requested that each community college send a
representative to present testimony on behalf of their col-
lege.

Dr. Perkins reported there may be a problem with regard to
the study. It was first believed that the Commission would
pay for the study from its operating budget. The legislative
did not make provision for the cost of the study in LB 340.
Like many other state agencies, the Commission is presently
in a fiscal bind and has requested the community colleges
pay for the study. The estimated cost for the study is ap-
proximately $290,000. The Commission has been notified
that the community colleges will not fund the study. At this
time, there has been no resolution to this latest problem.

Dr. Perkins commented that the Legislature assumed the
Coordinating Commission would pay for the study from its
budget. He remarked that the study will have some depth
and each community college will need to provide data.

There was discussion about whether or not the Commission
has enough personnel to analyze all of the data. There was
also discussion that the scope of the study is well beyond
the role and mission of the Coordinating Commission. It
was pointed out that the Commission has a very favorable
opinion of the community colleges and the community col-
lege system.

Mr. Groshans reported that LB 340 states the Commission
will facilitate a study that explores five issues related to the
Nebraska community college system. They are: 1) The sta-
tutory role and mission of Nebraska community colleges; 2)
Changes in the weighting of courses that may be neces-
sary for reimbursable educational units to properly reflect
the role and mission of Nebraska community college and
the cost of providing such courses; 3) Powers, duties, and mission of the Nebraska Community College Association or its successor and whether membership in such an association should be required; 4) Consequences for failing to satisfy current community college association membership requirements contained in section 85-1502; and 5) State coordination of community colleges in the absence of a community college association or membership therein. He commented LB 340 also requires the Commission shall report its findings to the Legislature on or before December 15, 2009.

The question was raised whether the Legislature will give lots of credence to the results of the study or will it be a statistical study with a political answer. Board members agreed that the Education Committee is very serious about the study. Board members further agreed that funding for the study is responsibility of the Coordinating Commission.

Dr. Perkins reported that he is willing to speak on behalf of the Western Area during the public hearing on June 18, if his doing so is acceptable to the Board members.

Mr. Leseberg moved the Board authorize Dr. Perkins to testify on behalf of the Western Area at the public hearing the Coordinating Commission will hold on June 18, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Miller. The vote was, Yes: Daniels, Gramberg, Leseberg, Miller, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stickney, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Cervantes-Guzman. Motion carried.

Board members thanked Dr. Perkins for his willingness to represent the College.

Dr. Perkins reported community colleges continue to be in the national spotlight as a part of the solution to the economic problems the nation has been experiencing. On May 8, President Obama announced an initiative to change unemployment benefits strategy. The President is seeking to amend the rules which require unemployed workers to demonstrate an effort to find a job. The President wants to make it possible for individuals who are receiving unemployment benefits to qualify for education and training related aid such as Pell grants. The purpose is to enable unemployed workers to either improve their present skills or retrain for different and better jobs. Dr. Perkins commented that President Obama has acknowledged the importance of community colleges to the economy
since they are in the best position to offer the type of train-
ing and education that unemployed workers need.

Dr. Perkins reported that he is pleased to announce there
are 20 Representatives of the House and 34 Senators who
are members of the Community College Caucuses. He re-
ported two of Nebraska’s Representatives, Smith and Terry
and Nebraska Senators Nelson and Johannes are mem-
bers. Senator Nelson continues as co-chair of the Senate
Caucus.

Mr. Roberts moved, pursuant to Section 84-1410 of the Reis-
sue of the Revised Statutes of 2006, known as the Nebraska
Public Meetings Law that the Board hold a closed session
with Mr. William D. Knapper, Mr. David E. Groshans, Ms.
Coral E. Richards, and Mr. Richard A. Douglas, College At-
torney, for the purpose of discussion of the following item(s):
1) 2009 – 2010 Collective Bargaining. He further moved that
this closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of
the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury
to the reputation of an individual(s), and that strategy ses-
sions with respect to collective bargaining are specifically
authorized by the Nebraska Public Meetings Law.
Seconded by Mr. Stickney. The vote was, Yes: Gramberg,
Lesenberg, Miller, Nelson, Ostrander, Perkins, Roberts, Stick-
ney, Daniels, Wisniewski. No: None. Absent: Cervantes-
Guzman. Motion carried.

Ms. Wisniewski declared a five minute recess at 2:26 p.m.

Ms. Wisniewski declared the Open meeting in session at
2:33 p.m.

Ms. Wisniewski stated that purpose of the Executive Session

The Board of Governors and those so named in the motion
adjourned to an Executive Session at 2:33 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 2:49 p.m.

Ms. Wisniewski declared the Open meeting in session at
2:49 p.m.

Dr. Perkins complimented Ms. Burbach for her project to
place the “hand washing reminder” posters in the campus
restrooms.
Mr. Miller commented that he is impressed with the way all health care agencies in the panhandle of Nebraska work together. He also is impressed with the leadership that Regional West Medical Center provides. He remarked there are a lot of good people working together to provide health care services to rural areas.

Mr. Groshans reported the annual end-of-year Faculty/Staff Luncheon was held on May 19, 2009. He reported there were eleven 10-Year service awards, two 30-Year service awards, and one 40-Year service award presented. Additionally, Employee of the Year awards were presented to the following individuals: Ms. Robyn lossl, Alliance Campus Employee of the Year; Ms. Karen Kerschner, Alliance Campus Faculty of the Year; Ms. Julie Slagle Sidney Campus Faculty of the Year; Ms. Merrillene Woods, Sidney Campus Employee of the Year; and Ms. Olga Katkova, Scottsbluff Campus Faculty of the Year. Mr. Groshans reported further there were Scottsbluff Campus Co-Employee of the Year awards presented to Mr. Garry Alkire and Mr. Rob Betzold.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, Ms. Wisniewski extended congratulations to all of the award recipients and thanked them for their dedicated service to the College.

Ms. Wisniewski reminded Board members of the following upcoming meetings and events:

1) The Nebraska Community College Association Board of Directors Regular Third Quarter Meeting to be held on, August 10, 2009, at Mid-Plains Community College - McCook Campus.

2) The Nebraska Community College Association Annual Meeting to be held on November 3 and 4, 2009, at the Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE. Southeast Community College is the host.

3) The Association of Community College Trustees 2009 Leadership Congress to be held October 7 through 10, 2009, in San Francisco, CA. Ms. Wisniewski reported that registration for this meeting is now open. She asked that Board members let Ms. Richards know if they will attend the Congress. Ms. Wisniewski reminded Board members that room reservations cannot be made without an accompanying conference registration. There is a $200 processing fee if a registration is made, and the registrant does not attend the conference.
UPCOMING MEETINGS  
Cont

4) The Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Regular meeting to be held on August 20, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Wisniewski reported that because of budget limitations the meeting will be held in Lincoln, rather than in Scottsbluff as was previously announced.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Ms. Wisniewski reminded Board members of the Informal meeting that will be held prior to the Regular meeting. The Informal meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:54 p.m.

Jane Wisniewski, Chairperson    Coral E. Richards, Secretary
ATTACHMENT A

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

1) Consider the following application(s) pending before the City of Sidney Planning Commission:

   a) The application of Robert Woodis for a Preliminary Plat for a tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

   b) A Special/Conditional Use Permit of Dave Mackie to install 1) a sign larger than four (4) square feet for the advertisement of Prairie Winds Subdivision; and 2) a sign marking the entrance of the subdivision.

2) Notice of Public Hearing before the City Council of the City of Kimball:

   a) The City Council of the City of Kimball will conduct a public hearing on May 20, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers in Kimball. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on a proposal to declare a portion of the City of Kimball blighted and substandard for purposes of the Community Development Law. The property affected by this notice is described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Webster Street and Fourth Street the boundary runs east along Fourth Street to High School Street, then north to Highway 30, then east to the northeast corner of the High School property, then south to Fourth Street, then east to Jackson Street, then north to Highway 30, then east to County Road 47, then north along the county road to the northern boundary of the Union Pacific right-of-way, then west along the northern boundary of the Union Pacific right-of-way to Front Street, continuing west along Front Street to Chestnut Street, then southward to the northern boundary of the Union Pacific right-of-way, then westward along the northern boundary of the Union Pacific right-of-way, then northward, westward, and southward around tax property 530056879 (the Farmers Elevator Company property), then southward to the southern boundary of the Union Pacific right-of-way, then eastward along the southern boundary of the Union Pacific right-of-way to Webster Street, then southward along Webster street to the starting point at Fourth Street.
Student Organizations
Sidney Campus

April 2009

Phi Theta Kappa

This month, PTK students Christine Stolz and Tae Hyun Park attended the Nebraska Academic All American ceremony in Lincoln and Jeremy Stevens attended the National Regional Conference in Texas. Phi Theta Kappa’s new officers are: President Jeremy Stevens, Vice President Brenda Garvin, Secretary Heather Bobo, and Treasurer Jessica Blanco. Thank you to Phi Theta Kappa for providing hot chocolate for the tree planting crew!

Voc-Air Flying Club

Aviation students went on a field trip to Lincoln and Omaha on April 8th and 9th. They toured the Air Guard, the SAC Air Museum, Central Cylinder and Duncan Aviation. The group participated in tree planting and painted stakes for the trees. The Hangar Party is scheduled for Friday, May 8th following the End of the Year Party, as a fundraiser for a new plane.

Cosmetology Club

Cosmetology students polished nails at Sidney’s Spring Expo to help promote the upcoming Nail Technology program. They provided the meal for the April Student Organization Meeting and helped to plant trees. Cabbage burgers and breakfast burritos are being sold as a fundraiser for fellow cosmetology student, Emily Kurz, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident. A benefit dinner is being planned for Emily in May.

Student Senate

Student Senate assisted in planting twenty-three trees on Friday, April 18th, 2009 for Sidney campus’ Outdoor Learning Project. With the help of staff, faculty, and community members, the trees were planted in forty-five minutes in the rain! The End of the Year Bowling Party is scheduled for Friday, May 8th before the Hangar Party.

International Fest

PTK sponsored aviation students, Dae Woong Han and Hobin Moon at the International Fest in Sidney on Thursday, April 30th. These students created pork and tofu dishes for the community to sample from their country, South Korea.
Colorado celebrates Band Soldier of the Year

By Army Staff Sgt. Scott Griffin
Colorado National Guard Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – His mom was the readiness NCO for the 101st Army Band and his stepdad was the first sergeant. Now, Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Johnson is the Army Band Reserve Components’ Junior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

Johnson was one of six Soldiers chosen from more than 4,700 band members in the active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard to receive the honor. Following a musical performance rating and overall Soldier assessment, awards were granted to the Senior NCO, Junior NCO and Soldier of the year for Active Component and Reserve Components at the Army Band Leader Training Conference in Virginia Beach, Va., April 22.

Johnson enlisted in the Colorado Army National Guard at 17, shortly after graduating high school. He’s been in the band for over 20 years now.

Johnson was exposed to the 101st as a young boy. “I would go to drill weekends with them rather than stay home and – because I was a nerd – I’d show up in my Boy Scout uniform just to fit in.”

“My mom and stepdad actually met in the band,” Johnson said. “It’s not like they pushed me into it but I always knew I would join.”

Johnson holds multiple roles in the band. “I’m the clarinet section leader and I also do a lot of conducting,” Johnson said. He also serves as the conductor of the Centennial Wind Ensemble and branch chief of operations and plans. Johnson holds a doctorate in instrumental conducting from the University of Northern Colorado and a master’s in wind and orchestral conducting from UNC. His undergraduate work in clarinet performance was at Metropolitan State College of Denver from which he graduated summa cum laude.

If that wasn’t enough music in one Soldier’s life, he also works as a professor at Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff, near his home.

“I know there are a lot of Soldiers who do something different from their civilian careers on drill weekends and vice versa, but for me, I do music,” Johnson said. “That’s who I am. My father was a clarinetist, he taught college music; my mom’s a percussionist, my stepdad’s a percussionist, my sister a flute player. Music is what I do.”

Even if that means a four-hour commute from Nebraska. Even if it makes taking on multiple roles in the organization. Even if it means continuing rehearsals and practice into late hours of the night. That’s who Johnson is.

“I’ve got the Colorado National Guard in my blood,” Johnson said. “It’s a true joy for me. I can never have enough music.”
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Governors
FROM: William D. Knapper
DATE: May 20, 2009
RE: Board Approval, Bid Number 09-FUR-15b

On April 27, 2009 bids were received for Institutional Furniture

SPECIFICATIONS: See Attached

ACCOUNT NUMBER: Various Accounts

BUDGET: 2008-2009 $31,374.00

TABULATION: Highlighted areas indicates low bid price.

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Recommendation to come from the Finance Committee.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Governors
FROM: William D. Knapper
DATE: May 20, 2009
RE: Board Approval, Bid Number 09-EQ-19

On May 11, 2009 bids were received for a Vertical Platform Lift

SPECIFICATIONS: See Attached

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 50.1.71110.5696.76

BUDGET: Project Budget of $25,000.00

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Recommendation to come from the Finance Committee.