PROPOSED AGENDA

A. Call to Order, Dr. Gramberg

B. Roll Call

C. Introduction of Visitors
   1) Community Comments

D. Board Chairperson Comments
   1) Copy of Nebraska Open Meetings Act Available at Back of Room

E. Consent Calendar
   1) Review Contents of Consent Calendar
      a) Agenda
      b) Excuse Absent Board Member(s)
      c) Minutes
         2) Regular Meeting, September 10, 2014
         (Pages 1 - 1j)
      d) Claims: (Enclosure)
         1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $3,060,274.70
         2) WCCA Restricted Fund - $6,950.96
         3) WCCA Federal Fund - $7,088.99
         4) WCCA Agency Fund - $17,550.91
         5) WCCA Loan Fund - $0
         6) WCCA Plant Fund - $429,210.60
         7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $156,353.88
         (Pages 1 - 22)
      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
         (Pages 2 - 2a)

REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2014

12:00 P.M. - LUNCH
Room 123
Western Nebraska Community College
Alliance Campus
1750 Sweetwater Avenue
Alliance, Nebraska

1:00 P.M. - REGULAR MEETING
Rooms 015 and 017
Western Nebraska Community College
Alliance Campus
1750 Sweetwater Avenue
Alliance, Nebraska
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
   a) #15-EQ-03 – Welders (Pages 3 – 3a)

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):
   b) Appointment(s):
      1) Ms. Rosa M. Rosario, Accounting Services Assistant Director (Pages 4 – 4d)

2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar

3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

H. Reduction-in-Force – Dr. Holcomb

a) Authorization to Review WNCC Programs and Appoint an Advisory Committee

I. Monitoring Reports

1) Nebraska Community College Association – Dr. Gramberg, Dr. Perkins
   a) Report from Executive Director, Mr. Dennis Beack
   b) Approval of 2015 Dues

2) TRIO Programs Three-Year Highlights – Ms. Co. Merrigan (Page 5, Handout)
I. Monitoring Reports – Cont.

3) Resolution – Re: Support Scottsbluff Public Schools 2014 Bond Issue – Dr. Perkins  (Page 6)

4) Association of Community College Trustees – Dr. Perkins

J. Board Member Comments

K. President’s Comments

L. Upcoming Meetings and Events

1) Association of Community College Trustees

   a) 2014 Annual Leadership Congress
       1) October 22 – 25, 2014
       2) Chicago, Illinois

2) Nebraska Community College Association

   a) 2014 Regular Meetings
       1) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting)
          A) November 3 and 4, 2014
          B) Lincoln, NE

3) Western Nebraska Community College

   a) Celebrate WNCC 2014
       1) October 13 - 18, 2014

M. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 1:00 p.m., Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

N. Adjournment

MISSION STATEMENT:

"WNCC assures learning opportunities for all – enriching lives, invigorating communities, creating futures"
MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

TIME AND PLACE
A regular meeting of the Western-Community College Area Board of Governors was held at 1:04 p.m., on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, in Rooms 015 and 017, Western Nebraska Community College, Alliance Campus, located at 1750 Sweetwater Avenue, in the City of Alliance, in the County of Box Butte, in the State of Nebraska, as per the publicized notice in the Star-Herald, on Saturday, October 12, 2014, with the following members present:

QUORUM
Dr. Gramberg declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

VISITORS
Visitors were: Dennis Baack, Executive Director, Nebraska Community College Association, Lincoln; Ed Hoffman, Dan Worth, Lincoln; John E. Weare, Alliance.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS
Dr. Gramberg asked for comments from the community.

Pursuant to Board Policy #830.1000.79, Dr. Gramberg reminded community members who wish to make comments that each speaker will be limited to a five minute presentation. There were no community comments.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS
Dr. Gramberg 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.
BOARD CHAIRPERSON

COMMENTS

Cont.

Dr. Gramberg reported there are thank you letters from the students who received College administered scholarships for the 2014 – 2015 academic year available for Board member review. The letters are located on the table at the back of the room.

Dr. Gramberg remarked he observed beet harvest and corn harvest are moving forward and the attitudes are positive.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Review Contents

Dr. Gramberg reviewed the contents of the Consent Calendar which include the following item(s):

1) Agenda, October 15, 2014
2) Excuse Absent Board Members – Jack L. Nelson
3) Minutes
4) Claims
   a) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $3,060,274.70
   b) WCCA Restricted Fund - $6,950.96
   c) WCCA Federal Fund - $7,088.99
   d) WCCA Agency Fund - $17,550.91
   e) WCCA Loan Fund - $0-
   f) WCCA Plant Fund - $429,210.60
   g) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $156,353.88
5) City Planning Commission Reports – Attachment A – A-1
6) Reports and Proposals
   a) From the Students
   b) From the Faculty – Attachment B – B-1
   c) From the Administration
   d) From the Board

Dr. Gramberg 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval

Dr. Perkins moved the Consent Calendar be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Daniels. The vote was, Yes: Daniels, Klemke, Leseberg, Marcy, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Nelson. Motion carried.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consider Items Extracted

There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar.
| BID CONSENT CALENDAR Review Contents | Dr. Gramberg reviewed the contents of the Bid Consent Calendar which include the following item(s):

1) #15-EQ-03 – Welders – Attachment C

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

Mr. Daniels reported the Budget and Finance Committee is recommending the Bid Consent Calendar be approved as presented. He commented Federal funds will cover the cost of the welders. |
| BID CONSENT CALENDAR Approval | Mr. Daniels moved the Board approve the Bid Consent Calendar as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Leseberg. The vote was, Yes: Klemke, Leseberg, Marcy, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Nelson. Motion carried. |
| BID CONSENT CALENDAR Consider Items Extracted | There were no items extracted from the Bid Consent Calendar. |
| PERSONNEL CONSENT CALENDAR Review Contents | Dr. Gramberg reviewed the contents of the Personnel Consent Calendar which include the following resignation(s) and appointment(s):

1) Resignation(s): - None.
2) Appointment(s):
   a) Ms. Rosa Rosario, Accounting Services Assistant Director, effective October 16, 2014 through June 30, 2015, salary to be prorated from an annual salary of $43,500.00.

Dr. Gramberg 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. |
| PERSONNEL CONSENT CALENDAR Approval | Mr. Daniels moved the Personnel Consent Calendar be approved as presented. Seconded by Ms. Walworth. The vote was, Yes: Leseberg, Marcy, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Klemke, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Nelson. Motion carried. |
There were no items extracted from the Personnel Consent Calendar.

Dr. Holcomb remarked the Fall Semester has just started and with it comes the opportunity to complete the required annual review of all programs offered by the College for program viability. Dr. Holcomb requested authorization to appoint an advisory committee to review all programs and to consider reduction-in-force, if necessary. Dr. Holcomb reported the advisory committee will submit the Committee’s recommendations to him in December. At the January 2015 meeting, Dr. Holcomb will present the committee recommendations to the Board of Governors.

Dr. Perkins moved the Board authorize Dr. Holcomb to review all programs offered by the College. He further moved the Board authorize Dr. Holcomb to appoint an advisory committee to study possible reduction-in-force, if necessary. Seconded by Mr. Stickney. The vote was, Yes: Marcy, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Klemke, Leseberg, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Nelson. Motion carried.

Dr. Perkins introduced Mr. Dennis Baack, Executive Director of the Nebraska Community College Association.

Mr. Baack thanked Board members for the opportunity to meet with them. He reported he is making his annual fall visit to area board meetings. This is the third Board of Governors meeting he has attended.

Mr. Baack reported there will be many changes in the Nebraska Legislature in 2015. A new governor will be elected, and there will be at least 17 new state senators. These changes will require a lot of education about what community colleges do and how they fit within higher education in Nebraska. Mr. Baack reported the chair of most of the Legislative Committees will change. He commented he has had the opportunity to meet most of the candidates.

Mr. Baack reported the community colleges will introduce no legislative bills for the 2015 Legislative Session. This will be the first year of the biennium budget. The community colleges will seek a 5.5 percent increase. He commented this is very close to what the State College system is seeking.
Mr. Baack remarked he expects the tax situation, especially property tax relief, will be a top priority during the upcoming Legislative Session.

The 2015 Legislative Session will begin on January 7, 2015. Legislative bills can be introduced for the first ten days of the session ending on January 21, 2015. On January 23, 2015, the Nebraska Community College Association Board of Directors will meet to decide which bills the Association will support, oppose, or monitor.

Mr. Baack reported the Coordinating Commission is asking for a Community College Specialist position. He remarked this could cause problems and needs to be looked at very carefully because of the Dues Amendment.

Mr. Baack reported the Association Annual Meeting will be held in Lincoln, on November 3 and 4, 2014. He remarked a great agenda is planned for the meeting. One session will be a follow up from last year on the Governance Institute for Student Success.

Mr. Baack thanked the Board members for the opportunity to meet with them, and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Dr. Gramberg thanked Mr. Baack for his report.

Dr. Gramberg reported the invoice for the Western Area 2015 Nebraska Community College Association membership dues was received subsequent to mailing of the informational packet for this meeting. Dr. Gramberg reported the invoice in the amount of $63,250.13, which represents $510th of the approved 2015 Association Budget, has been received. He commented the dues are divided equally among the Association membership. Dr. Gramberg recommended the Board approve the 2015 Western Area dues.

Mr. Daniels moved the Board approve payment of the 2015 Nebraska Community College Association membership dues in the amount of $63,250.13 as submitted. Seconded by Dr. Perkins. The vote was, Yes: Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Klemke, Leseberg, Marcy, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Nelson. Motion carried.
Ms. Ce Merrigan, Director of TRIO Programs, reported TRIO is a set of college opportunity programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education. She reported that, on a National Level, 790,000 students are served by more than 2,800 programs. There are thirty programs in Nebraska, and the College hosts three TRIO programs. She reported these programs support and motivate students from sixth grade through college graduation, and graduate study in their pursuit of a college education. The programs are available at all three College campus sites.

Ms. Merrigan thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide information about the three programs hosted by the College. She remarked how fortunate the individuals are who grow up in a home where young people are expected to go to college and whose family supports education. Unfortunately, there are many students who do not have that support.

Ms. Merrigan reported the Student Support Service program serves college students. It has been in existence at the College since 1987, and has served approximately 200 students each year for a total of 3,350 students. The Upward Bound program serves high school students. Since it began in 1995, the program has served a total of 800 students. The Veterans Upward Bound program serves military veterans, assisting 1,200 students since the program began in 1999.

Ms. Merrigan reported there is a need for the TRIO programs the College hosts. Ms. Merrigan presented statistics supporting the need for each of the programs.

The Student Support Services program need shows that fifty percent of the College students are first generation college attendees. Sixty percent of the College students are income eligible and fifty percent of them require developmental courses. Locally, there is twenty-three percent of the adults without a high school diploma. Twenty-seven percent of the local families are below the poverty line.

The Upward Bound program need indicates fifty-four percent of the local high school students are eligible for the free/reduced lunch program. Only seventeen percent of the local households have a member with a bachelor’s degree. The local high school dropout rate is twenty percent.
Thirty-four percent of the low income, first generation students enroll in postsecondary education. The regional high school student/counselor ratio is 300.1.

The Veterans Upward Bound program need reveals forty percent of the veterans are income eligible, nine percent do not have a high school diploma. Eighty percent of the veterans are first generation eligible. Only nine percent of the eligible veterans enroll in postsecondary education.

Ms. Merrigan reported there is a lot of similarity in the services offered by the three TRIO Programs. The Student Support Services program has workshops, provides financial literacy, and visits to four-year colleges. Tutoring and Supplemental instruction are available. Leadership conferences/events as well as cultural and social events are sponsored. There are single parent/displaced homemaker meetings. The Upward Bound program, a college prep program, provides tutoring, guidance in selecting coursework, college visits, and opportunities for leadership and community service. Additionally, there are workshops and group activities including an intense summer academic program. The Veterans Upward Bound program assists qualified veterans with college curriculum information and preparing for entrance/transfer into a college or vocational/technical school. The program offers academic refresher courses in English, mathematics, computer and study skills. Tutoring and special instruction are also available. Ms. Merrigan reported the Veterans Upward Bound Program also provides services in Rapid City.

Ms. Merrigan remarked the College is very supportive of the TRIO Programs. All of the programs are located in one building with a dedicated area for veterans and computer lab dedicated for use by veterans. She reported the College has been designed as a Military Friendly institution.

Ms. Merrigan presented comparison information which spoke to how the TRIO programs support services help students achieve. Eighty-eight percent of the TRIO Student Support Service Students have good academic standing compared to sixty-two percent of all College students. Seventy-eight percent graduate or transfer compared to forty percent of all College students. Ms. Merrigan reported sixty-eight percent of the Upward Bound students achieve proficiency on state assessment compared to less than fifty percent of all high school students. Eighty-one
percent of the Upward Bound students enter postsecondary education compared to sixty-four percent of all high school students. Likewise, sixty-one percent persist in postsecondary education compared to fifty percent of all high school students.

Ms. Merrigan reported eighty-seven percent of the Veterans Upward Bound students increase at least one grade level and ninety-seven percent complete the program or continue. Sixty-eight percent of the Veterans Upward Bound students enter postsecondary education compared to twenty-two percent of all veterans in the region, and thirty-one percent complete postsecondary education compared to seventeen percent of all veterans in the region. There were seventeen Veterans Upward Bound students who graduated last spring (2014).

Ms. Merrigan remarked there are many success stories she could share with the Board if time permitted. She commented it is a privilege to work with the TRIO Program students. Most of the students just need a hand-up and the TRIO programs provide a safety web to help the students achieve their goals.

Ms. Merrigan thanked the Board for the opportunity to share information about the TRIO Programs hosted and supported by the College.

In response to a question from the Board about expanding the programs, Ms. Merrigan responded the existing programs have to fulfill their objectives every year. The Alliance community is served by the Upward Bound program at Chadron.

In response to a question from the Board regarding the range of disabilities for students to participate, Ms. Merrigan responded the disability can be physical and/or mental as defined by Section 405 of the American Disabilities Act.

It was mentioned that mentoring opportunities might be provided to Upward Bound students by members of the College student organizations.

Dr. Gramberg declared a ten minute recess at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Gramberg declared the Open meeting in session at 2:15 p.m.
Dr. Perkins referred Board members to the mailed packet which includes a proposed Resolution in support of the Scottsbluff Public Schools Bond Issue that will appear on the November 4, 2014 General Election ballot. He asked Dr. Holcomb to speak to this topic.

Dr. Holcomb explained the College has been working with Scottsbluff Public Schools in the development of career academies. Because the College has a close partnership with Scottsbluff Public Schools, the adoption of the resolution will support the concept of the career academy model for K-12 academies. He commented the College could be one of the beneficiaries of this model. Additionally, the Gering Public Schools has asked College personnel to participate in its strategic planning process, and the College is also working with other area high schools to offer more dual credit opportunities for students. The resolution is an opportunity to support the career academy model.

Board members inquired whether supporting this resolution, which is specific to the Scottsbluff Public Schools 2014 Bond Issue is within the scope of the Board’s authority.

Mr. Kelly reported he had researched this question with Accountability and Disclosure Commission. It has been confirmed such action is allowed, and the Board is on sound legal footing if the resolution were to be adopted.

The question was raised whether a similar resolution would be presented if other school districts within the Western Area were seeking voter approval for a bond issue. Dr. Holcomb responded, yes.

There was considerable discussion regarding the fact the proposed resolution is specific to only the Scottsbluff Public School 2014 Bond Issue rather than the concept of career academies, dual credit offerings and the development of K-12 partnerships.

It was mentioned there is a national trend for community colleges and secondary schools to work together to form K-14 districts. Dr. Holcomb agreed national and statewide there is better integration of the educational process.
There was additional discussion regarding the dangers of an organization such as a community college board becoming involved in the political area. Board members inquired where the proposed resolution had originated. Dr. Holcomb reported he had requested a resolution be proposed for Board action. He remarked Scottsbluff Public Schools is the College's number one feeder. The passage of the Scottsbluff Public Schools Bond issue is an opportunity for the College to have more students and long term benefits for the College and the community as a whole.

Dr. Holcomb commented, if the Scottsbluff Public Schools 2014 Bond issue does not pass, it will be difficult for the Scottsbluff Public Schools to meet the changing needs of the students. He remarked he brought this resolution forward as an opportunity for the Board to better connect the College with K-12 schools. Even though the resolution is based on the working relationship with the Scottsbluff Public Schools, Dr. Holcomb remarked the College is interested in working with all K-12 Districts.

Dr. Perkins moved the Board adopt the following resolution in support of the Board of Education for Scotts Bluff County School District No. 0032 (Scottsbluff Public Schools) for the Scottsbluff Public Schools 2014 Bond Issue:

WHEREAS, the Scottsbluff Public School District 2014 Bond Issue will appear on the Scotts Bluff County Ballot for the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Scottsbluff High School physical facilities are inadequate and do not provide the District's students and teachers with the necessary space to prepare our youth for college and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors for Western Community College Area supports funding initiatives which expand programming and modernize facilities, providing educational pathways essential to the well-being of area students and our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA, IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, THAT WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA HEREBY SUPPORTS THE SCOTTSBLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2014 BOND ISSUE OF NOVEMBER 4, 2014, TO
ALIGN SECONDARY AND POST-SECONDARY RESOURCES IN SERVICE TO OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITIES.

Seconded by Ms. Klemke.

There was additional discussion regarding the specificity of the resolution, and the appropriateness of the Board taking action on a political issue. Board members remarked they support the concept of career academies.

It was mentioned a community college board should be interested in all aspects of education. There was discussion that the Scottsbluff High School does not meet all ADA requirements and the facility needs to be modernized. It was mentioned other schools within the service area probably also are in need of modernizing their facilities to meet the changing educational requirements.

Dr. Perkins asked for suggestions to amend the proposed resolution. There were none.

Dr. Perkins moved to call the question. Seconded by Mr. Daniels. The vote was, Yes: Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Klemke, Leseberg, Marcy, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: Nelson. Motion carried.

The vote on the motion to adopt the Resolution was, Yes: Perkins, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Klemke, Marcy, Gramberg. No: Pavlista, Shaver, Leseberg. Absent: Nelson. Motion carried.

There was no report from the Association of Community College Trustees.

Dr. Perkins commented he has been invited to participate in a symposium regarding the widening gap between students who can and those who cannot afford tuition costs. Dr. Perkins reported the symposium will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, prior to the 2014 Leadership Congress.

Dr. Gramberg asked for Board member comments.

Dr. Perkins thanked the Board members for the discussion and healthy debate that was held concerning adoption of the resolution in support of the Scottsbluff Public Schools 2014 Bond Issue.
Dr. Gramberg asked for President's Comments.

Dr. Perkins reported the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has awarded the College with the Susan Harwood Targeted Topic Training Material Development Grant. This grant totals $49,946 for Fiscal Year 2014. He reported according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the focus is to provide training and education for workers and employers on the recognition, avoidance, and prevention of safety and health hazards in their workplaces, and to inform workers of their rights and employers of their responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Act.

The PAWzitively PINK breast cancer awareness night is scheduled to be held on Friday, October 31, 2014. The Lady Cougar Volleyball Team will host Northeast Junior College at 7:00 p.m., in the Cougar Palace. Dr. Holcomb reported this will be the last regular season home match. Governor Heineman will be here to support the event again this year.

Dr. Holcomb reported that he and Mr. Groshans met recently with Senator Davis and County Commissions. Once everyone had voiced their concerns in regard to education funding in the state, discussion continued regarding ways to reduce property taxes. Dr. Holcomb remarked that he believed it was a good meeting.

The College Music Vocal Music Program will present the Varsity Vocal Showcase, on Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25, 2014. The event will be held at the Gering Civic Center. Tickets are available through the College Business Office and by calling 308-635-6020.

Dr. Holcomb reported the Criminal Justice Club will be hosting an “arrest a teacher” fundraiser on Friday October 24, 2014. Participants agree to be on a list of potential arrestees that will be distributed to students. Students choose participants from this list to be arrested for a fee that they are willing to pay to the fundraiser. On October 24, participants are arrested handcuffed, placed in a fashionable prison jumpsuit and escorted to the “jail” in the pit area of the Scottsbluff Campus. Participants are free after 15 minutes in jail. In the past, prisoners seemed to enjoy their incarceration a little more than expected. A lot of laughing and even dancing was witnessed.
Dr. Holcomb congratulated the College Nursing department. Their student pass rate for the NCLEX exam is above the national average for the first time in seven graduated classes.

Dr. Holcomb reported the College Foundation received $5,000.00 from the Cattlemen's Ball.

Dr. Holcomb reported the all-staff assembly was a great opportunity for College staff to gather for a day of learning and participation in wellness activities. The presentation by Educational Neuroscientist, Dr. Jane Zadina, was well received. Dr. Zadina spoke about brain research and how it could be used in our lives as well as the classroom.

Dr. Holcomb referred Board members to the handout material, which includes information about the many fun activities that have been planned for the 2014 Celebrate WNCC event. He reported a baseball scrimmage is scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2014, in Alliance. Also, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, the Voc Air Fly-In will take place from 7:00 a.m. until noon at the Sidney Campus Aviation hangar.

On Saturday, October 4, 2014, the Sidney Campus staff participated in the Oktoberfest parade. The entry won second place.

Dr. Holcomb reported Sidney Campus Student Services Coordinator, Mr. Jeffrey A. Summitt, is participating in Leadership Cheyenne County. Mr. Brian J. Downer, Informational Technology Specialist, Dr. Michael E. Houdyshell, Dean of Students, and Mr. Bryan E. Lindenberger, Digital Communications Specialist, are participating in Leadership Scottsbluff.

Dr. Holcomb reported the Cosmetology class is holding the second "Cancer Survivor Spa Day" today, October 15, 2014. There are 27 men and women registered for the FREE services. During the month of November, the Cosmetology class will be giving FREE haircuts to all veterans in honor of their service. The class members will be at the Scottsbluff Campus on Monday, November 17, 2014.

Dr. Holcomb reported the College Instrumental Music program will present "Summer Nights", on Saturday,
November 15, 2014, at the Gering Civic Center. Tickets are available through the College Business Office or by calling 308-635-6020.

Dr. Holcomb reminded Board members to please complete the Governance Institute for Student Success (GISS) Board Self-Assessment online survey. The link is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NE-2014.

Dr. Holcomb asked for questions from the Board. There were none.

Dr. Perkins remarked, as a follow-up to Dr. Holcomb’s comment about the meeting with Senator Davis and county commissioners, a Banner County Commissioner was very impressed with Dr. Holcomb. He was also impressed that the College Board of Governors and administration did not push back on ways to work together for property tax relief. During the upcoming annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of County Officials, this Commissioner, who is a member of the Association, will bring up discussion on ways to work together with the community colleges. Dr. Perkins commented that following the September Board of Governors meeting, the Commissioner expressed gratitude for the Board members willingness to listen to the concerns expressed during the Public Hearings on the proposed College Budgets.

Dr. Perkins remarked further the topic of taxes will also be an item on a future agenda of the Nebraska Community College Association.

Dr. Gramberg reminded Board members of the following upcoming meetings and events:


2) The Nebraska Community College Association 2014 Regular meetings to be held as follows: a) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting), November 3 and 4, 2014, in Lincoln, NE.

3) The Western Nebraska Community College Celebrate WNCC 2014 events being held this week, October 13 – 18, 2014.
NEXT REGULAR MEETING  The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT  The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:09 p.m.

Merlyn L. Gramberg, Chairperson

Coral E. Richards, Secretary
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

1) Consider the following applications pending before the City of Sidney Planning Commission:

a) Acknowledgement of Final Plat of Hrbek Estates No. 1

b) The Preliminary Plat application of Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc., for Lot 1, Block 1, and Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Love's Addition to the City of Sidney, situated in the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 13 North, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

c) The rezoning request of Love's Travel Shops & Country Stores, Inc. for Lot 1, Block 1, and Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Love's Addition to the City of Sidney, situated in the Southwest Quarter of Section 9, Township 13 North, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Nebraska, as follows: Lot 1, Block 1, from A (Agricultural) and C-3 (Heavy Commercial) to C-3 (Heavy Commercial) Zone; and Lot 1, Block 2 from A (Agricultural) to C-3 (Heavy Commercial) Zone; and Lot 2, Block 2 from A (Agricultural) to R-3 (Heavy Density Multi-family) Zone.

d) The annexation request of Love's Travel & Country Stores, Inc. for a 2.71 acre tract of land located within Section 9, Township 13 North, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M., more particularly described as Block 2, Love's Addition.

e) The annexation request of Love's Travel & Country Stores, Inc. for a 6.4232 acre tract of land located within Section 9, Township 13 North, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M., more particularly described as a portion of Block 1, Love's Addition.

f) The Conditional Use Permit application of Oscar Glover/Viaero Wireless to construct and operate a 0'-80' cellular communications tower near the southwest corner of the property located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 14 North, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M.; more particularly described as 1705 15th Avenue.

g) Revisions to Chapter 1274 of the Planning and Zoning Code - Re: Home Occupations.

2) Consider the following applications pending before the City of Gering Planning Commission:

a) An amendment to Article 6: RM RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT, Section 6.304: EXCEPTIONS to permit Multi-Family dwelling to a maximum of 6 units in the RM Residential Medium Density District. This application was submitted by Eugene and Violet Schwabauer for Lots 2 and 3, Block 2 Court Place Addition, Section 2, Range 55, Township 21, in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska otherwise known as 1320 P Street.
3) Consider the following applications pending before the City Council of the City of Chadron, Nebraska:

   a) Notice of a Public Hearing to be held on September 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 234 Main Street, Chadron, Nebraska. The purpose of the public hearing is reviewing of an application for Tax Increment Financing for the Panhandle Event Center located at 247 Bordeaux Street, Chadron, Nebraska.
WNCC FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
FOR THE WCBA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PRESENTED OCTOBER 2014

During the summer, Michael Hausmann (Business Faculty) attended the Working Connections Conference in Council Bluffs, Iowa. This conference enables Hausmann to keep apprised of new and upcoming technology and better serve his students in the classroom. Hausmann successfully completed Microsoft Windows 8.1 and Microsoft Office 365 training during the conference.

James MacArthur (Science Faculty) attended the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education in Grand Rapids, MI in August. MacArthur presented a talk in the symposium on undergraduate research entitled "Developing an Introduction to Scientific Research Course at a Rural Community College."

Additionally, MacArthur also had a student who completed an REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) at the South Dakota School of Mines this summer working in biomaterials.

Dr. Guy Wylie, WNCC Human Service Program Coordinator and Psychology Instructor, attended the 20th annual Counseling Skills conference put on by U.S. Journal Training Inc. in Las Vegas, NV September 17-19. He attended three days of training seminars, workshops, and demonstrations. The conference awarded Guy 18 CEUs which will apply towards the next renewal of his National Certified Counselor credential. The workshops contained a variety of cutting edge neuroscience research and other material useful in updating WNCC's human services and psychology courses. Dr. Wylie used twenty minutes of new material in one class immediately upon his return to campus on Monday, September 22. There are many other items which will be worked into course presentations throughout the remainder of the semester. Dr. Wylie appreciates the ongoing support for faculty development provided by the Social Science Division, the administration, and the Board of Governors.

Becky Kautz MSN, RN (Nursing Faculty) has been offered an incredible opportunity as a healthcare professional to be part of a medical team that will be providing comprehensive health care services to rural communities in Honduras. Kautz, along with 54 other medical students and medical professionals will be traveling to Honduras in December of 2014. This program is sponsored by the organization Global Brigades, whose mission is "To empower volunteers to facilitate sustainable solutions in under resourced communities while fostering local culture;" Their vision is "To improve equality of life, by igniting the largest student led-social responsibility movement on the planet." Kautz is excited about sharing her mission experiences with her nursing students. This will provide students with an increased awareness of global health and what measures are being taken to service people in underserved areas of the world.

Hallie Feil (Chair, Social Sciences) was awarded the Harold Peebles Fellowship from UNL. "The Peebles Estate funded the fellowships, designated to assist doctoral students with the completion of their dissertations. Faculty in the Department of Educational Administration were asked to nominate individuals who were deemed worthy of the award." Feil was awarded this fellowship by consensus of the faculty.

Additionally, Feil also had an article published in the National Council for Instructional Administrators abstract. The NCIA is an affiliate council of the American Association of Community Colleges. The article discussed faculty advising and community college student retention.
Aletia Norwood wishes the board to note that Royce Ammon was selected as the Star Herald "2014 Reader's Choice Award Favorite College Instructor." The fact that students took the time to vote for Dr. Ammon demonstrates his connection with his students.

Additionally, Norwood reports that several business and information technology instructors attended the articulation agreement conference at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. This is an annual event that enables students at WNCC to transfer twelve business classes seamlessly to UW. The College of Business at UW (COB-UW) expressed an interest in working with WNCC to articulate entire program transfers as well. Currently, the COB-UW allows our students to enter at a junior level if the student has been awarded an associate’s degree from WNCC. An articulation agreement would formalize this process and align the individual student curriculum with the University Studies Program that is being implemented at COB-UW.

Rita Stinner was selected as Repertoire and Standards Chair for 2 Yr. Colleges for the North Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association. The North Central Division encompasses Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. This is Stinner’s second two-year term of office.

Respectfully submitted by
Aletia Norwood
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Governors
FROM: William D. Knapper
DATE: November 19, 2014
RE: Board Approval, Bid Number 15-EQ-03

On October 7, 2014 bids were received for Welders

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 20.1.18010.5626.12

TOTAL BUDGET: Schedule A: $9,600.00
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Recommendation to come from the Finance Committee.