PROPOSED AGENDA

A. Call to Order, Mr. Daniels

B. Roll Call

C. 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
         1) Regular Meeting, July 15, 2015
      d) Claims
         1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $1,951,179.96
         2) WCCA Restricted Fund - $2,600.00
         3) WCCA Federal Fund - $5,721.45
         4) WCCA Agency Fund - $2,466.24
         5) WCCA Loan Fund - $0
         6) WCCA Plant Fund - $90.00
         7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $134,345.65
      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

REGULAR MEETING

August 19, 2015

12:00 P.M. – LUNCH
The Gallery
Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center
Chadron State College
1000 Main Street
Chadron, Nebraska

1:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting
Chicoine Atrium
Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center
Chadron State College
1000 Main Street
Chadron, 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-31 – Flex Deck Mower

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) Mr. Paul L. Craig, Surgical Technology Instructor

   b) Appointment(s):
      1) Mr. Abdulfrahman Al Jumail, Associate Instructional Systems Specialist
      2) Mr. Robert P. Frey, Surgical Technology Instructor
      3) Ms. Julia H. Newman, Career Academy Advisor

2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar

3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

H. Western Community College Area Board of Governors – Mr. Daniels

1) Temporary Suspension of Board Policy #235.0400.96 – Artistic Display

   a) Fourth Annual WNCC Art Gallery Exhibit

2) Consider Request for Sale and Use of Alcoholic Beverages at College Sponsored Event(s)
I. Monitoring Reports

1) Enrollment Report - Dr. Yowell  (Handout)
   a) Final 2014 - 2015
   b) Preliminary, Fall Semester 2015

2) Update - Re: Proposed Funding Formula Discussions - Dr. Holcomb, Mr. Knapper

3) Nebraska Community College Association - Dr. Gramberg, Dr. Perkins
   a) Third Quarter Meeting, August 3, 2015, Lincoln, NE

4) Association of Community College Trustees - Dr. Perkins

J. Board Member Comments

K. President’s Comments

L. Executive Session

1) Personnel Matters - Re: Evaluation of College President

M. Upcoming Meetings and Events

1) Western Nebraska Community College Foundation
   a) Monument Marathon
      1) September 26, 2015

2) Association of Community College Trustees
   a) 2015 Annual Leadership Congress
      1) October 14 - 17, 2015
      2) San Diego, CA

3) Nebraska Community College Association
   a) 2015 Regular Meetings
      1) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting)
         A) October 5 - 6, 2015
         B) Scottsbluff, NE
M. Upcoming Meetings and Events - Cont.

4) Western Nebraska Community College
   a) Informal Board of Governors Meetings
      1) Budget Work Session
         A) September 9, 2015 – 10:30 a.m., Final Review of All Budgets
   b) Public Hearings on Proposed 2015 – 2016 WCCA Budgets
      1) September 9, 2015, 1:00 p.m.
   c) Regular September 2015 Board Meeting
      1) September 9, 2015, immediately following the Public Hearings on the Proposed
         2015 – 2016 WCCA Budgets
   d) Celebrate WNCC 2015

N. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 9, 2015, immediately following the Public
   Hearings on the Proposed 2015 – 2016 WCCA Budgets (approximately 1:45 p.m.), Boardroom,
   Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff,
   Nebraska.

O. Adjournment

MISSION STATEMENT:

“WNCC assures learning opportunities for all – enriching lives, invigorating communities, creating futures”
A regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors was held at 1:07 p.m., on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, in the Chicoine Atrium, Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College, located at 1000 Main Street, in the City of Chadron, in the County of Dawes, in the State of Nebraska, as per the publicized notice in the Star-Herald, on Saturday, August 15, 2015, with the following members present: Merlyn L. Gramberg, F. Lynne Klemke, Kimberly A. Marcy, William M. Packard, M. Thomas Perkins, Thomas L. Perlinski, R. J. Savely, Jr., Mary K. Shaver, Richard G. Stickney, Julienne K. Walworth, Timothy H. Daniels, Chairperson. Absent: None. Student Representative present: None. Faculty Representatives present: None. College staff present: Todd R. Holcomb, William D. Knapper, Coral E. Richards, Susan K. Yowell, Paula J. Abbott, Ellen M. Dillon, Michael E. Houdyshell, Douglas J. Mader. College Attorney present: Phillip M. Kelley. 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.

Mr. Daniels declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

Mr. Daniels asked for comments from the community.

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

Mr. Daniels 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.

Mr. Daniels remarked he was pleased to hold a Board meeting in Chadron. He commented it is important for the Board to have meetings throughout the district.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Daniels extended condolences to the Fisher Family. Ms. Gabrielle Fisher, daughter of the Chadron mayor, was killed in a boating accident last Friday, August 14, 2015.
Mr. Daniels called Board members' attention to thank you letters received from students in the 2015 TRIO Upward Bound Program. The letters are available for Board member review and are located on the table at the back of the room.

Mr. Daniels reviewed the contents of the Consent Calendar which include the following items:

1) Agenda, August 19, 2015
2) Excuse Absent Board Member(s) – None
3) Minutes
   a) Regular Meeting, July 15, 2015
4) Claims
   a) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - $1,951,179.96
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   f) WCCA Plant Fund - $90.00
   g) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - $134,345.65
5) City Planning Commission Reports – Attachment A
6) Reports and Proposals
   a) From the Students
   b) From the Faculty
   c) From the Administration
   d) From the Board

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

There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Daniels reviewed the contents of the Bid Consent Calendar which include the following bid(s):

1) #15-EQ-31 – Flex Deck Mower – Attachment B
Mr. Daniels 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.

Ms. Walworth moved the Bid Consent Calendar be approved as presented. Seconded by Dr. Gramberg. The vote was, Yes: Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Daniels. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

There were no items extracted from the Bid Consent Calendar.

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

1) Resignation(s):
   a) Mr. Paul L. Craig, Surgical Technology Instructor, effective July 31, 2015.

2) Appointment(s):
   a) Mr. Abdurahman Al Jamaily, Associate Instructional Systems Specialist, effective August 10, 2015, through June 30, 2016 at a wage of $17.26 per hour.
   b) Mr. Robert P. Frey, Surgical Technology Instructor, effective August 13, 2015, through August 12, 2016, salary to be determined in accordance with the provisions in the WCCA Negotiated Agreement.
   c) Ms. Julia H. Newman, Career Academy Advisor, effective August 3, 2015, through February 28, 2016, salary to be prorated from an annual salary of $40,560.00.

Mr. Daniels 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.

Ms. Klemke moved the Personnel Consent Calendar be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Savely. The vote was, Yes: Marcy, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Klemke, Daniels. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

There were no items extracted from the Personnel Consent Calendar.
Dr. Holcomb reported on Thursday, October 22, 2015, in conjunction with the Celebrate WNCC 2015 activities, the College will host the Fourth Annual WNCC Art Gallery Exhibit. The event will be held at the John N. Harms Advanced Technology Center. This event has been a popular and very successful activity. Pursuant to Board Policy #235.0400.96 – Artistic Display, the display of permanent or temporary works of art must be approved by the Board.

In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Holcomb reported the art pieces to be displayed at this event will be reviewed by a Committee to ensure they are appropriate. Dr. Holcomb requested the Board temporarily suspend Board Policy #235.0400.96 to allow the Fourth Annual WNCC Art Gallery Exhibit.

Ms. Richards commented Board Policy #830.1600.79 – Policy Revision and Suspension allows the Board to temporarily suspend any portion of the policies. This action requires a two-thirds vote of the full membership, which is eight affirmative votes.

Dr. Perkins moved, pursuant to Board Policy #830.1600.79 – Policy Revision and Suspension, the Board temporarily suspend Board Policy #235.0400.96 – Artistic Display for the purpose of the Fourth Annual WNCC Art Gallery Exhibit. Seconded by Mr. Stickney. The vote was, Yes: Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Daniels. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Doug Mader, Work Force Development Specialist, reported he has received a request from the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff’s office, to offer Standardized Field Sobriety Test Training. Mr. Mader reported the training is scheduled to take place on September 16 and 23, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Harms Advanced Technology Center. The training will involve between 30 and 40 students. As a part of the training, up to 8 volunteer participants are controllably intoxicated as controlled test subjects for Driving Under the Influence Field Test Training. Mr. Mader explained the volunteers will be in the custody of the Sheriff’s Department for the entire time. The alcohol is purchased and monitored by the Sheriff’s Department.

Mr. Mader requested the Board approve the request to have alcoholic beverages on campus for the purpose of Standardized Field Sobriety Test Training.
Mr. Savely moved the Board approve the request of the Business and Community Education department and the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's office to have alcoholic beverages at the Harms Advanced Technology Center on September 16 and September 23, 2015, for the purpose of Standardized Field Sobriety Test Training. Seconded by Dr. Packard. The vote was, Yes: Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Daniels. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Yowell referred Board members to the handout materials which contain the Final 2014 – 2015 Enrollment Report and the Preliminary Fall Enrollment 2015.

Dr. Yowell presented the end of semester head count totals for the Fall 2014, Spring 2015 and Summer 2015: Fall – 2,156; Spring – 1,893; Summer – 467. Dr. Yowell reported this enrollment generated a full-time equivalent enrollment of 1,750.08, which is a 4.3 percent decrease from the previous year.

Dr. Yowell commented it was not necessary to recalculate the final enrollment for the previous years (2012-13 and 2013-14) for this report as the online enrollment reflects those students who are taking only online classes.

Dr. Yowell remarked the 116 percent increase in non-credit full-time equivalent enrollment reflects the shift from credit to non-credit Business and Community Education enrollment. Another change is the Pine Ridge Job Corps enrollments are counted in the Alliance Campus. She reported further the Powerline program enrollment for the summer was a part-time load.

Dr. Yowell reviewed the Annual Full-time Equivalent enrollment trend, which shows a steady decline since the record enrollment of 2,071.88 in 2011-2012. The dramatic shift from credit to non-credit enrollment is very evident in the Fall Headcount Trend.

Dr. Yowell reported classes began on Monday, August 17, 2015. Dr. Yowell reported the Preliminary Fall Semester 2015 enrollment as of August 18, 2015, is 781, full-time students and 747 part-time students. The full-time equivalent enrollment was 574.44. As of today, August 19, 2015, the full-time enrollment is 788 and the part-time enrollment is 661. Third
day enrollment last year was 852 full-time students and 750 part-time students.

Dr. Yowell reviewed the recruitment and retention efforts of the student services staff during the summer months, which included calls to students.

Dr. Yowell reported of the 680 full-time degree seeking students enrolled in the 2015 Spring Semester, 350 students returned, 128 graduated, 75 were restricted, and 127 were eligible to return, but did not enroll. She reported further of the 509 part-time degree seeking students enrolled in the 2015 Spring Semester, 237 returned, 49 graduated, 68 were restricted, and 155 were eligible to return, but did not enroll.

Board members inquired of the number of students who were restricted, how many was as a result of an outstanding debt. Dr. Yowell will have this information available for the September Board meeting.

In response to an inquiry from the Board regarding how many of the students who were eligible to return transferred to another institution, Dr. Yowell reported that information will become available from the National Clearinghouse later this fall. Dr. Yowell reported the student services staff will then be contacting those students to encourage them to complete their College degree program through a reverse transfer.

Mr. Daniels thanked Dr. Yowell for the enrollment information.

Dr. Holcomb reported the Chief Executive Officers have held two meetings to discuss the funding formula, where different ideas were presented. Two of the four proposals were based on only Reimbursable Education Units. A third proposal was based on ability to pay – total resources available. And the fourth proposal looked at the dollars behind each student which included several variable factors such as property valuation, and the poverty rate of the service area.

A funding formula that considers only enrollment may be appropriate for the first year; but, projections into the future would make it unacceptable. There are wide variables among the six community college areas in the size of the population served, and the available wealth of the area.
For the first time, the total valuation of the Central Area was projected to exceed that of the Southeast Area. The Western Area has the lowest assessed valuation.

A resources model suggested by the Metro Area looked at total resources including valuation, population, reimbursable education units, and some dollars divided equally. It is the most flexible and represents good public policy.

Initially, Dr. Holcomb went into the discussions believing the Chief Executive officers could reach an agreement. Dr. Holcomb reported the discussions have not gone as well as he had hoped. The Chief Executive officers have two more meetings scheduled.

Mr. Knapper reported he has been looking at funding formulas in other states. From his research, the development of a funding formula takes considerable time. Some states have engaged outside consultants to assist in the development of a funding formula that represents good public policy for all concerned.

In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Holcomb reported Mr. Baack is serving as the Mediator for the discussion.

In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Holcomb reported the Legislature requested the Chief Executive Officers have an agreed to proposal by December 1, 2015. The proposal would then be drafted into a legislative bill that would be introduced in the 2016 Legislative Session.

Board members agreed with Dr. Holcomb and Mr. Knapper that a funding formula for the community college system should represent good public policy.

The Third Quarter meeting of the Nebraska Community College Association Board of Directors was held on August 3, 2015, in Lincoln, NE. Dr. Gramberg and Dr. Perkins attended the meeting.

Dr. Gramberg reported that Dr. Perkins has served as the chair of the Nebraska Community College Association for the past year. At the third quarter meeting of the Board, officers were elected for the coming year. They are: Chairperson, Ms. Sandra Borden, Central Community College;
Vice Chairperson, Mr. Steve Anderson, Northeast Community College; Secretary, Mr. Edward Price, Southeast Community College; and Treasurer, Mr. Kent Miller, Mid-Plains Community College.

Dr. Gramberg reported there was discussion and reports regarding student success. The Board also discussed the 2016 Association budget. He reported Southeast Community College and Central Community College are expanding their facilities at new locations. Dr. Gramberg remarked it is unfortunate that Western does not have the financial resources to expand facilities to additional locations.

Dr. Perkins reported the Third Quarter meeting of the Association Board of Directors was his last meeting as chair of the Board. Ms. Sandra Borden, of Central Community College has been elected as the chair for the coming year.

Dr. Perkins reported the Board received student success reports from Southeast and Northeast Community Colleges. He commented it is noteworthy that while community colleges are taking different approaches in the emphasis on student success, the fact remains that student success appears to be their primary focus of attention. Dr. Perkins hazarded a guess that six years ago, board members would not have heard reports from member community colleges that focused on student success. The fact of the matter is there are concrete plans in each of the colleges to improve not only access to an education but to assist students to attain their goals.

Dr. Perkins attributed this change to the American Association of Community Colleges and the Association of Community College Trustees, as both organizations have taken the challenge from business and industry, state and federal governments and foundations to prove that community colleges are competent and worthy of their respective support. Both organizations have taken steps to assist community colleges to improve their efforts through the Voluntary Framework of Accountability and trustee training programs. Additionally, Nebraska's Community Colleges have gained the respect of both organizations because of their willingness to test new ideas related to student success, e.g., being pilot sites for the Voluntary Framework of Accountability, taking statewide Association of Community College Trustees sponsored training related to student success, applying for and receiving a grant to research a
statewide analysis of the value of the Voluntary Framework of Accountability. Dr. Perkins commented one may suggest that Nebraska has taken on a leadership role on what student success is all about.

Dr. Perkins reported further the Association is once more thinking outside of the box and planning big time for the Annual meeting. He, and Susan Verbeck had a conference call with Mr. Dennis Baack, Executive Director, Ms. Melanie Williams, Administrative Assistant and Mr. Chuck Underwood, keynote speaker, to review plans for the Association Annual meeting. A number of items related to the event were discussed, but more importantly, Mr. Underwood's presentation was discussed. Dr. Perkins reported Mr. Underwood is planning on a duo focus: 1) who the generations are and in what ways are they different from one another; and 2) how Business/Industry and education can better understand and work with them. Dr. Perkins remarked he left the conference call excited about the upcoming meeting.

Dr. Perkins reported invitations to hear Mr. Underwood's presentation are being sent to the leadership in the State as well as locally.

Dr. Perkins reported that Mr. John Davies, the Nebraska Association of Community College Trustees Coordinator, has resigned his position as of October 31, 2015. Mr. Davies has done so as the result of health problems. To Mr. Davies credit, he has been nominated for and will receive the Western Region Trustees Leadership Award, which means he is eligible for the National E. Dale Ensign Trustee award for 2015.

Dr. Perkins reported the Nebraska Community College Association is seeking someone who would be willing to step up and be the Nebraska Association of Community College Trustees Coordinator. Dr. Perkins explained the duties include attending the National Legislative Summit, and the Annual Leadership Congress to meet with Association staff and Board Representatives, Regional Chairs and other state coordinators. The responsibilities also include sending Association information to the colleges, attending the Nebraska Community College Association Board meetings, and obtaining information from the colleges to forward on to the Association of Community College Trustees. Mr. Davies has simplified the process and would be willing to assist the new state coordinator. If there are any Board
members interested in serving as the state coordinator, they should contact Dr. Perkins who has the full job description available for review.

Dr. Perkins remarked the remainder of this Association of Community College Trustees report will be found in the handout materials.

In Dr. Perkins’ opinion, all Board members across the country should ask themselves the question: “Is a college degree a private good (for the sole benefit of the student) or a public good (for the benefit of the student and society)?”

The College agenda in regard to the President’s College promise, which would ensure students a Community College education, tuition free, Dr. Perkins believed that it was simply a trial balloon to get the country to discuss a growing concern about American’s diminishing education problem. However, recently, in the House and the Senate, college promise bills were introduced that were modeled after the President’s proposal. The bills may not go anywhere, but the value of an educated American should be discussed. There are some underlying issues about the level of education in America.

Dr. Perkins remarked he would not discuss the College Promise directly; however, Board members need to be conversant about it, regardless of whether they agree with the concept or not. It appears the College Promise will be a subject for debate in the presidential campaign.

The handout materials include articles, that in Dr. Perkins’ opinion, Board members should read in order to draw a conclusion to the question: “Is higher education important to the future of this nation or is it a luxury for those who can afford a degree?”

Dr. Perkins reported the first item in the handout material is an article on the History of the Federal Government Public Education, by the League of Women voters. The second article is the Federal Role in Education, by the U.S. Department of Education. The third article is "Trustee" Talk with ACCT regarding small community college’s role in social upheaval, e.g., in the incidents in Ferguson, Missouri, and Baltimore, Maryland. Next (fourth) is a fact sheet "Where value meets value, the economic impact of Community Colleges." The fifth article is entitled "The Widening Gap of
Higher Education Inequality in the U.S.", and last is the proposed "College Promise."

Dr. Perkins suggested Board members read the articles in the order they were presented. The information contained in the articles will provide a history of federal involvement in education to the present time. The articles have been prepared by people who care about education and could be the basis for future discussion about the College Promise.

Mr. Daniels remarked Dr. Perkins has done an extensive amount of research. He thanked Dr. Perkins for his efforts.

Mr. Daniels asked for Board Member Comments.

Dr. Gramberg thanked the Board for holding a meeting on the Chadron Campus. He encouraged Board members to tour the campus especially the new area.

Dr. Gramberg reported when he was visiting the Chadron State College campus recently, he met a young girl who is working as a grounds keeper. While visiting with her, he learned she graduated from Western Nebraska Community College last spring. She was enrolled in the Rangeland Management program, and all of her credits have transferred to Chadron State College where she will complete her bachelor's degree. Her name is Katiyn Steinwart. Dr. Gramberg remarked the Rangeland Management program is a joint effort between the College (WNCC) and Chadron State College.

Ms. Klemke remarked it was great to have all Board members in attendance at today's meeting. She commented Chadron State College is located in a beautiful part of the region.

Mr. Stickney commented it was enjoyable to see and visit with Board members in a recent social setting.

Mr. Daniels asked for President's Comments.

Dr. Holcomb reported Ms. Ce Merrigan recently informed that the TRIO SSS proposal was funded for another five years. The new five-year cycle begins on September 1, 2015, at the same flat level they have operated with for the past several years. He extended congratulations to the
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS
Cont.

TRIO staff and all who assisted with the submission of another successful proposal.

The Scottsbluff and Sidney Resident Assistants held their scenario training in the Sidney Campus student housing on August 7th. He commented this is a great learning tool for Resident Assistants to experience "real" situations in a safe environment.

Dr. Holcomb reported the Sidney Campus is at 104 percent in student housing. An off-campus three-bedroom apartment has been acquired to accommodate the additional students.

Dr. Holcomb reported classroom 112 on the Sidney Campus was converted to a flexible classroom over the summer and it can now be utilized for meetings, nursing classes, as well as overflow from distance learning classes.

The Adult Education and Powerline Maintenance and Construction programs teamed up to win first place in the commercial division at the Oregon Trail Days parade. He reported the collaboration between the two programs, along with the help of students and family, brought together an award-winning float. He commented this was great exposure for the College.

Dr. Holcomb reported two of the College's TRIO Upward Bound students were among 150 students from the entire United States to be chosen to attend First Lady Michelle Obama's "Beating the ODDS" Summit, taking place in Washington, D.C. Ms. Dayja Venable is a graduate of Mitchell High School, and Ms. Mercedes Robinson is a Gering High School graduate. Both have been in the College's Upward Bound program for most of their high school careers, are currently Bridge students, and are planning to enroll at the College in the fall.

The Monument Marathon is proud to announce that Platte Valley Companies has once again partnered with the WNCC Foundation and the Star-Herald as the race's Title Sponsor. For the fourth year, the WNCC Foundation and the Star-Herald are hosting the Platte Valley Companies Monument Marathon and Half-Marathon in Gering/Scottsbluff. The Monument Marathon will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Marathon, please contact Jennifer Rogers.
Dr. Holcomb reported on July 24, 2015, Ms. Rita Stinner and College vocal music students returned from their trip to Greece where they performed in different musical productions. For three weeks, Ms. Stinner and ten members of the College Choral group participated in a trip where they contributed to several performances. Ms. Stinner was invited to Greece to attend the 11th International Festival of the Aegean and she invited leaders and other standout choir members. The students were able to observe a lot of the area and be in Greece at a time of critical historic events. Choir members from Nebraska Wesleyan University and Central Community College also participated in the trip. There were approximately 50 students and chaperons who were involved in the performances and partnered in the activities. (Mr. Knapper called Ms. Stinner to check to see if Ms. Stinner and the students were all right. They were!)

Dr. Holcomb reported the Powerline students and instructor Mr. Ed Salazar’s, float won first place in the Alliance Heritage Days parade.

Ms. Ellen M. Dillon, Board President of Box Butte Development Corporation, along with the Executive and Assistant Directors, and the Alliance City Manager will be participating in a corporate visit to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corporate offices in Dallas, Texas, on August 27, 2015. The purpose of this meeting is to reach out to the railroad to establish a dialogue that may include additional services to the Corporation by local entities (such as the College) and to request assistance in Box Butte County’s endeavor to create more and improved housing in the county.

Dr. Holcomb hopes Board members will attend the Nebraska Community College Association Annual Meeting on October 5 and 6, 2015 in Scottsbluff. This will be an opportunity to hear Mr. Chuck Underwood, who is the keynote speaker on October 6, 2015. Mr. Underwood is a nationally recognized pioneer of generational study, and we are excited to welcome him to western Nebraska.

Dr. Holcomb announced he is looking to the last week in September to have new Board member orientation. It will be held on the Scottsbluff Campus. New Board members can expect to receive a call from Ms. Verbeck to schedule the orientation session.
Dr. Holcomb commented Fall Semester 2015 is off to a good start. Classes began on Monday, August 17, 2015. He is pleased that the new Surgical Technology instructor is on campus.

Dr. Holcomb asked for questions.

In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Holcomb reported Tuesday, October 6, 2015, will be dedicated to Mr. Underwood’s presentation. He reported invitations will be extended to local businesses, school officials, and state officials. He remarked the Plex can accommodate 300 people. It was suggested that P-16 attendees should also be invited. Dr. Jeff West, Educational Service Unit 13, Administrator, has names and address of those individuals.

Mr. Daniels commented the Monument Marathon is on track to have 500 participants.

Mr. Stickney moved, pursuant to Section 84-1410 of the Reissue of the Revised Statutes, known as the Nebraska Public Meetings Law, that the Board hold a closed session with Dr. Todd R. Holcomb for the purpose of discussion of the following item: Personnel Matters – Re: Evaluation of College President. 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, and that Dr. Holcomb has not requested a public meeting and has consented to discussion in closed session, and that evaluation of the job performance of a person is specifically authorized by the Nebraska Public Meetings Law. Seconded by Dr. Packard. The vote was, Yes: Perlinski, Savely, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Klemke, Marcy, Packard, Perkins. Daniels. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Daniels declared a ten minute recess at 2:31 p.m.

Mr. Daniels declared the Open meeting in session at 2:40 p.m.

Mr. Daniels stated the purpose of the Executive Session is Personnel Matters – Re: Evaluation of the College President.
The Board of Governors and Dr. Holcomb adjourned to an Executive Session at 2:40 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 3:37 p.m.

Mr. Daniels declared the Open meeting in session at 3:37 p.m.

Mr. Daniels reminded Board members of the following upcoming meetings and events:

1) The Association of Community College Trustees 2015 Annual Leadership Congress to be held October 14 – 17, 2015, in San Diego, CA.

2) The Nebraska Community College Association 2015 Regular Meetings to be held as follows: a) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting) - October 5 – 6, 2015, in Scottsbluff, NE

3) The Western Nebraska Community College Informal Board of Governors Meeting for the purpose of a Budget Work Session to be held on September 9, 2015 – 10:30 a.m., for the Final Review of All Budgets.

4) The Public Hearings on Proposed 2015 – 2016 WCCA Budgets to be held on September 9, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus.

5) The Regular September 2015 Board of Governors meeting to be held on September 9, 2015, immediately following the Public Hearings on the Proposed 2015 – 2016 WCCA Budgets.

6) The Western Nebraska Community College "Celebrate WNCC 2015" to be held October 17 – 24, 2015.

7) The Western Nebraska Community College Foundation Monument Marathon to be held on September 26, 2015.

The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, immediately following the Public Hearings on the Proposed 2015 – 2016 WCCA Budgets (approximately 1:45 p.m.), in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska
NEXT REGULAR MEETING Cont.

Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Mr. Daniels reminded Board members of the Informal meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of the Informal meeting is a work session on the WCCA 2015 - 2016 WCCA Budgets.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:38 p.m.

Timothy H. Daniels, Chairperson

Coral E. Richards, Secretary
1) Consider the following applications pending before the City of Gering Planning Commission:

a) An application to consider a change in zoning from AGG (Agriculture) to AEDS (Agricultural Estate Dwelling Site) and an application for a preliminary and final plat located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 21 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.
MEMORANDUM

TO:                    Board of Governors
FROM:                  William D. Knapper
DATE:                  August 19, 2015
RE:                    Board Approval, Bid Number 15-EQ-31

On June 4, 2015 proposals were received for Flex Deck Mower

ACCOUNT NUMBER:  60.1.65060.5695.76
TOTAL BUDGET:    $35,000

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Recommendation to come from the Budget and Finance Committee.