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The Western Dakota Tech Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 11:30 am, in person at the Western Dakota Tech campus in the Pennington County Room. The meeting was also available virtually via Teams. The board trustees in attendance included: Tom Brunner, Brad Heltzel, Lynn Kendall, Curt Pochardt, Andrea Powers (via Teams), Linda Rabe, Mike Roesler, Andy Scull, and Dr. Steve Willard.

WDTC leadership staff attending included: Christine Goldsmith, Kelly Oehlerking, and Debbie Toms.

Others present included: Missy Ginsbach (via Teams), Andrew Kapelewski, Jonathan McCoy, Diana Newman, Noelle Simmons, and Pam Stillman-Rokusek.

Board Meeting – 11:51 am

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
Chairman WILLARD called the meeting to order at 11:51 am with a roll call to order.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
BRUNNER moved, and ROESLER seconded to approve the October agenda. MOTION CARRIED via roll call vote (9-0).
3. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
WILLARD asked if any trustee had potential conflicts. None were disclosed.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
WILLARD asked if there were any public comments, none were expressed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
Acting President, Christine Goldsmith, presented on the 30-day plan and [HR Update](#). A status update was provided on the progress made with the Iowa Ditch project.
6. **FOUNDATION BOARD PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**
The Foundation President, Jonathan McCoy, shared the following updates.
 - a. The Gala is scheduled for October 24. Please encourage others to purchase tickets to support this event.
 - b. Hiring an Executive Director is in progress.
 - c. Housing Update – awaiting information from other groups.

Mr. McCoy shared a [Resolution](#) and requested Chairman WILLARD entertain a motion to approve.

POCHARDT moved to approve with an amendment that approval is subject to review and approval by WDTC legal counsel, seconded by RABE. MOTION CARRIED via roll call vote (8-0), with SCULL abstaining from voting.

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Motion to ratify the agreement by ROESLER, seconded by BRUNNER. MOTION CARRIED via roll call vote (8-0), with SCULL abstaining from voting.

7. **FINANCE REPORT**

Christine Goldsmith presented the monthly finance report.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. APPROVAL ITEM: [Minutes from September 11, 2024 Meeting](#)
- b. APPROVAL ITEM: [Bills to Pay](#)
- c. APPROVAL ITEM: [State Veteran's Home Lease Renewal](#)
- d. APPROVAL ITEM: [Surplus Items](#)

Motion by BRUNNER and seconded by KENDALL, to approve the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED via roll call vote (9-0).

9. **AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Chairman WILLARD asked if there were any agenda item suggestions for the next meeting and there was a request for Architect, Donovan Broberg, to present on the vision for campus expansion.

10. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

- a. FYI - WDT Foundation Gala : October 24, 2024 | 5:30 pm | WDT Event Center
- b. Next Meeting Date: November 13, 2024 | 11:30 am | Pennington County Room
- c. Change of Meeting Date: The December regular meeting has been moved to December 18, 2024 | 11:30 am | Pennington County Room

Chairman WILLARD expressed gratitude for President Bolman's service to WDTC and shared that a presidential search will be conducted in the future.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BRUNNER moved, seconded by HELTZEL to go into Executive Session at 1:06 pm, per SDCL 1-25-2(4), Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives. MOTION CARRIED via roll call vote (9-0).

The Executive Session concluded at 2:44 pm.

Motion by BRUNNER, seconded by POWERS, to keep the Acting President's base salary as is, with the addition of a \$3,000 per month administrative stipend for the duration served as Acting President, and retroactive back to the start date of September 24, 2024. MOTION CARRIED via roll call vote (9-0).

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

BRUNNER moved, seconded by WILLARD, to adjourn at 2:52 pm. MOTION CARRIED via roll call vote (9-0).

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

11:30 a.m.

Pennington County Room

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Respectfully Submitted,

Board Chair

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