Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015

The North Arkansas College Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 8, 2015 at the Durand Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Marcus Jones. Trustees Jane Adair, Kirk Campbell, Sara Jo Fendley, Jim Milum, Scott Miller, Matt Miller, David Evans, and Bill Lovell were present.

Northark personnel attending the meeting included: Dr. Jackie Elliott, Dr. Michael Wiggins, Don Sugg, Kevin Somers, Kris Greening, Dr. Rodney Arnold, Micki Somers, Cindy Mayo, Katie Vaughn, Randy Scaggs, Jamie Stevens, Michelle DeWald, Cherie Conner, Ricci Dillon, Rick Williams, David Zirkle, and Trish Villines. Lee Dunlap and David Holsted represented the Harrison Daily Times. Russell Larimore was also present.

Oath of Office: Prior to conducting regular business, Chair Jones asked Boone County Judge Robert Hathaway to swear in Trustees Bill Lovell, David Evans, and Sara Jo Fendley. The Trustees repeated the Oath of Office.

Approval of Agenda: Chair Jones requested a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Milum made a motion, which was seconded by Trustee Campbell and carried.

Regular Reports:
Finance Report—Don Sugg reported year-to-date financial trends in revenue and expenditures through December 2014 compared to revenue and expenses through December 2013. There was discussion about differences in salary and benefit totals and Don noted that the differences were because of position vacancies. President’s Report—Dr. Elliott presented David Zirkle with a Peer-to-Peer recognition card and discussed an award David initiated called the “Heart of Northark.” Dr. Elliott reported national community college statistics and Northark statistics indicating the average cost of tuition and fees compared to four-year institutions. Dr. Elliott also reported that the 2015 marketing theme would focus on the value of Northark and be titled Northark Work$. She noted that the Northark truck driving program is piloting a partnership with DSI where the program will be hosted at the trucking company.

Approval of Consent Agenda:
Chair Jones requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which included the approval of the December 2014 minutes and the annual Certification of Solvency. Trustee Milum motioned to approve the items as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Matt Miller and passed unanimously.

Monitoring Reports:
3.3—Workforce Development—Dr. Wiggins reported the number of workforce training hours at Northark compared to the Arkansas two-year college average. Northark has increased to 35,000 hours in 2013-2014, with a target to be at or above the state average. The report indicated that the 2013-2014 state average is 36,000 hours.
4.1—Community Education Enrollment—Dr. Wiggins reported the number of enrollments in community education courses and the number of courses offered since 2010. Northark has set a target of 2,126 enrollments by 2015. There was discussion about the survey method used to determine course offerings. Chair Jones requested a motion to accept the January monitoring reports which was made by Trustee Matt Miller, seconded by Trustee Adair and passed.

Board Comments:
There being no further business, Trustee Milum moved to adjourn which was seconded by Trustee Fendley and carried. The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

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Chair Jones

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Submitted By: Trish Villines