



NDSCS Foundation Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Foundation Executive Board of NDSCS, Wahpeton North Dakota, was duly called and held at the Red River Valley Room of the Hektner Student Center, on September 5, 2024.

Members present: Chad Wehri (Brd President), Jeff Leinen (Brd VP), Paige Kjesbo, Vicky Schafer, Megan Kummer and Rich Slagle, **Guest:** Tabitha Dodge, **Members absent:** Josh Dozak, Hugh Veit & Denise Laymon

Ex-officio members present: Kim Nelson, Yoney Fobb, Dr. Flanigan, and Michelle Nelson

Board President Chad Wehri called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. **Jeff Leinen made a motion to accept the agenda with President Flanigan presenting earlier and no closed session and Vicky Schafer seconded. Motion carried - agenda set.**

Vicky Schafer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2024, meeting and Paige Kjesbo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Investment Report was not available for Paige to update. However, she gave a full update two weeks ago at the Full Board Meeting and the market has not changed much.

President Flanigan shared NDSCS College updates early to leave for a 9 a.m. meeting with the Chancellors. He provided the following updates:

1. Discussion on potentially offering a Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene
2. Thank you to all for help in making the Block Party a great success
3. Enrollment is up 20% which is noteworthy considering the MN Promise and other “promises”
4. The dorm capacity is 1100 and we are currently at 1080 student living on campus.
5. FAA Grant is in a good place, working with the Jet Center, August 2025
6. Reggie Jackson has been hired as the AD and will raise half of his salary
7. Baseball and Softball do not have pitching machines but use their own stuff
8. Lengthy discussion on CIC Cass County Commission

Kim Nelson referenced the Monthly Operating Report and Project Planner Review. The Annual Review cost \$19,000 to print and mail but went out to over 40,000 Alums.

Yoney Fobb highlighted Annual and Club efforts coinciding with Giving Day November 15th with hope that there will be more board participation for this day. Annual Goal is \$23,000 and Club Goal is \$85,000. Yoney noted that Sponsorships are around \$80,000 with an \$85,000 goal. He thanked those in the room who were Sponsors.

Kim Nelson updated on the Nursing Project, SkillsUSA Pipeline, and the Cadaver Lab changing to an automated cadaver table option for longevity. President Flanigan made an ask to an entity regarding the turf and will be meeting with them to talk further. The next Challenge Grant presentation is October 2nd, and all money is earmarked. Kim is already lining up money for next year's Challenge Grant.

Kim Nelson shared the Bremer Insurance renewal noting some items are still underwriting. **Rich Slagle made the motion to approve, and Megan Kummer seconded the motion.** Vicky Schafer asked if a 3 million Liability was enough considering what's happening with the CIC. Kim Nelson shared that raising to 5 million would increase the annual premium by \$1,000. **Rich Slagle amended his motion to approve raising the Liability to 5 million. Megan Kummer courtesy seconded. Motion carried.**

Rich Slagle updated that the Executive Director Hiring Committee zoom interviewed four candidates on September 4th. They will bring 2 or 3 candidates to campus for a full interview, they will meet with Kim, Kim and staff, campus employees and donors and the committee for more extensive interviews. Rich said he shared with the candidates the idea of their strategic plan, in line with the college. Jeff L. asked about the experience of the candidates. It was shared they each have their own strengths.

Kim Nelson invited everyone to the Summit Brewery Meet & Greet in St. Paul on October 22nd.

Kim Nelson reported that the CIC Presentation and Tour last week went well with 78 attendees. Hugh Veit's email was discussed in detail. Rich Slagle suggested waiting on the outcome of the Legislative Session before making any decisions. **Rich Slagle made a motion and Megan Kummer seconded to approve the following CIC Change Proposals #29, Cr01-Gast and PRs #027, 028, 029, 030, 031, 32, 033 and 034. Motion carried.** Rich Slagle asked for a month-end summary of projects and payments for future reference. Rich Slagle asked about biweekly meetings with RLE and Comstock, and Kim Nelson confirmed that her and Hugh meet with them as well as subcontractors. **Rich Slagle made a motion to approve and Megan Kummer seconded the following CIC Invoices: Comstock Construction #6, Comstock Construction #37, RLE Invoice July, Colman and Erickson July, McDaniel Laura Communications August, Fusion #5, Gast #4, and Peterson #5.**

Adjourned 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tabitha Dodge

Approved 10.3.24