

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 October 28, 2024, special meeting

Members present: Chad Wehri (Brd President), Jeff Leinen (Brd VP), Megan Kummer, Hugh Veit, Rich Slagle Paige Kjesbo, Vicky Schafer. **Absent** Josh Dozak **Ex-officio members present:** Kim Nelson & Dr. Flanigan

Board President Chad Wehri called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. **Hugh Veit made a motion to accept the agenda adding in discussion on CIC issues, Megan second, motion passed**

CIC – Hugh reported that he and Kim met with Rick Steckler at Bell Bank, and they will be willing to finance us if needed at the end of the HeLoc loan agreement, which is in February of 2026.

Cass County Commissioners have asked the Foundation and NDSCS (Dr. Flanigan) to present to them on the CIC project and the current financial status of the college as well as the Foundation funding. Hugh is asking that we delay this presentation scheduled for November 4th until December. Hugh shared that we might have additional information that we can share with this group, based on discussions with legal and what we can present. He is working with legal to know how much and what we can present to the public.

Rich advised that we make sure legal is a part of all the correspondence with the Executive board so that not just one person is hearing what the legal is advising. Possibly having a legal at the board meetings if business needs to be approved. Chad is willing to sit in on any conversations with parties that can help us present this if necessary.

Topic - Hiring of new Executive Director. After a very healthy and lengthy discussion about the interviews, the applicants' presentations, staff & Kim's feedback, and the committee interview feedback, the board came to a fairly unanimous and favorable conclusion. They feel it will lead the foundation to the next level and be best for the college, its future and success of the NDSCS Foundation. Kim shared she would be willing to work with any of the three and make sure the transition is smooth and positively received. The board noted that all the feedback was highly valued, and the decision was based on all the comments and common ground. This group will bring forward the nomination at the Executive board meeting on November 7th, with full board approval at the November 15th board meeting.

Adjourned 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Nelson

Approved November 7, 2024