

WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PROPOSED AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

September 11, 2013

A. Call to Order, Dr. Gramberg

12:00 P.M. – LUNCH

The Plex (Room A108)

Harms Advanced Technology Center

Western Nebraska Community College

Scottsbluff Campus

2620 College Park

Scottsbluff Nebraska

B. Roll Call

C. Introduction of Visitors

1) Community Comments

(approx.) 1:45 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

Boardroom

Western Nebraska Community College

Scottsbluff Campus

1601 East 27th Street

Scottsbluff, Nebraska

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, August 21, 2013

(Pages 1 – 1p)

d) Claims

1) WCCA Unrestricted Fund - \$2,659,749.87

(Pages 1 - 16)

2) WCCA Restricted Fund - \$14,656.07

(Pages 16 - 17)

3) WCCA Federal Fund - \$21,582.45

(Pages 17 - 18)

4) WCCA Agency Fund - \$12,751.02

(Pages 18 - 19)

5) WCCA Loan Fund - \$ -0-

6) WCCA Plant Fund - \$69,382.72

(Pages 18 - 19)

7) WCCA Auxiliary Fund - \$197,269.22

(Pages 19 - 24)

e) City Planning Commission Reports

(Attachment)

f) Reports and Proposals

1) From the Students

2) From the Faculty

3) From the Administration

4) From the Board

(Pages 2 – 2a)

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 - None
- 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): - None
 - b) Appointment(s): - None
- 2) Approval of Personnel Consent Calendar
- 3) Consideration of Items Extracted from Personnel Consent Calendar

H. Real Estate Acquisition

- 1) Discussion - Re: Acquisition of approximately 1.916 acres of real estate located adjacent to East 27th Street, and South of Conestoga Residence Hall
- 2) Consider Motion to Proceed to Acquire Private Property For a Public Purpose
- 3) Public Hearing, pursuant to Section 25-2504, for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning the proposed acquisition of approximately 1.916 acres of real estate concerning the proposed acquisition of real estate.
 - a) Open Public Hearing
 - b) Explanation of Project
 - c) Public Comments
 - d) Close Public Hearing
- 4) Consider Motion to Authorize College Administration to Proceed With Negotiations to Acquire Real Estate as Required By Statute.

I. Monitoring Reports

- 1) Enrollment Report – Mr. Hovey (Handout)
 - a) Ten Day Report – Fall Semester 2013
- 2) Nebraska Community College Association – Dr. Gramberg, Dr. Perkins
- 3) Association of Community College Trustees – Dr. Perkins

J. Board Member Comments

K. President's Comments

L. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 1) Nebraska Community College Association
 - a) 2013 Regular Meeting
 - 1) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting)
 - A) November 4 and 5, 2013
 - B) North Platte, NE
 - b) 2014 Regular Meetings
 - 1) First Quarter Meeting
 - A) January 24, 2014
 - B) Lincoln, NE
 - 2) Second Quarter Meeting
 - A) May 19, 2014
 - B) Norfolk, NE
 - 3) Third Quarter Meeting
 - A) August 4, 2014
 - B) Videoconference
 - 4) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting)
 - A) November 4 and 5, 2014
 - B) Lincoln, NE
- 2) Association of Community College Trustees
 - a) 2013 Annual Leadership Congress
 - 1) October 2 – 5, 2013
 - 2) Seattle, WA

L. Upcoming Meetings and Events -- Cont

2) Association of Community College Trustees -- Cont

- b) 2014 National Legislative Summit
 - 1) February 10 - 13, 2014
 - 2) Washington, DC

3) Western Nebraska Community College Foundation

- a) Monument Marathon
 - 1) September 28, 2013

4) Western Nebraska Community College

- a) Regular October 2013 Board Meeting
 - 1) October 16, 2013
 - 2) Alliance Campus
- b) Celebrate WNCC
 - 1) October 16 - 19, 2013
- c) Voc-Air Fly-In
 - 1) October 19, 2013, 7:00 a.m. - Noon
 - 2) Sidney Campus Aviation Building

M. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 1:00 p.m., Room TBA,
Western Nebraska Community College, Alliance Campus, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue,
Alliance, Nebraska.

N. Adjournment

MISSION STATEMENT:

"WNCC assures learning opportunities for all -- enriching lives, invigorating communities, creating futures"

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

TIME AND PLACE ROLL CALL NOTICE OF MEETING	<p>A regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors was held at 1:49 p.m., on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27th Street, in the City of Scottsbluff, in the County of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, as per the publicized notice in the <u>Star-Herald</u>, on Saturday, September 7, 2013, with the following members present: Timothy H. Daniels, F. Lynne Klemke, L. Paul Leseberg, Kimberly A. Marcy, Jack L. Nelson, Alexander D. Pavlista, M. Thomas Perkins, Mary K. Shaver, Richard G. Stickney, Julienne K. Walworth, Merlyn L. Gramberg, Chairperson. Absent: None. Student Representatives present: None. Faculty Representatives present: Guy Wylie, Scottsbluff Campus; Richard Cecava, Sidney Campus. College staff present: Todd R. Holcomb, William D. Knapper, Coral E. Richards, Terry B. Gaalswyk, David E. Groshans, Susan K. Yowell, Paula J. Abbott, Ellen M. Dillon, Michael E. Houdyshell, Roger S. Hovey, Aletia R. Norwood, Jason L. Stratman, Susan L. Verbeck. College Attorney present: Philip M. Kelly. A current agenda was available for public inspection in the College President's office and the Board Secretary's office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.</p>
QUORUM	<p>Dr. Gramberg declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.</p>
VISITORS	<p>Visitors were: Michael Kraft, Scottsbluff; Tim Reganis, Scottsbluff.</p>
COMMUNITY COMMENTS	<p>Dr. Gramberg asked for comments from the community. Pursuant to Board Policy #830.1000.79, Dr. Gramberg reminded community members who wish to make comments that each speaker will be limited to a five minute presentation. There were no community comments.</p>
BOARD CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS	<p>Dr. Gramberg 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.</p>
CONSENT CALENDAR Review Contents	<p>Dr. Gramberg reviewed the contents of the Consent Calendar which include the following item(s)</p> <p>1) Agenda, September 11, 2013</p>

CONSENT CALENDAR
Review Contents
Cont

- 2) Excuse Absent Board Members – None
- 3) Claims:
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- 4) City Planning Commission Reports – Attachment A
- 5) Reports and Proposals
 - a) From the Proposals
 - b) From the Faculty – Attachment B – B-1
 - c) From the Administration
 - d) From the Board

Dr. Gramberg inquired if there were any item(s) on the Consent Calendar which any Board member wished to have removed for separate consideration.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Approval

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

CONSENT CALENDAR
Consider Items Extracted

There were no items extracted from the Consent Calendar.

BID CONSENT CALENDAR
Review Contents

There were no items on the Bid Consent Calendar.

PERSONNEL CONSENT
Review Contents

There were no items on the Personnel Consent Calendar.

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION
Discussion – Re:
Acquisition of
Approximately 1.916
Acres of Real Estate

Dr. Gramberg asked Dr. Holcomb to present reasons why the acquisition of the 1.916 acres of private property located adjacent to East 27th Street, south of Conestoga Hall is important to the College.

Dr. Holcomb reported the property will facilitate the implementation of the recently completed Facilities Master Plan for the College's Scottsbluff Campus. The acquisition of this 1.916 acres will create a "natural boundary" and establish an easily recognizable transition to the College including the design and development of an appropriate west entryway into the Scottsbluff Campus with signage and landscaping. Additionally, acquisition of the property and the

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Approximately 1.916
Acres of Real Estate
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development of the west side of the Scottsbluff Campus will allow for greater access by emergency responders and better security (lighting) for the campus.

Dr. Holcomb reported further acquisition of the property will allow for possible expansion of parking facilities for the residence halls, Conestoga and Pioneer.

Another reason to acquire the property is that ownership of the property would ensure that it is used for the betterment of students.

A map showing the private property the College is interested in acquiring was distributed to the Board members. Dr. Holcomb asked if Board members had any questions. There were none.

Consider Motion to
Proceed to Acquire
Private Property for a
Public Purpose

Mr. Nelson moved that the College administration proceed to take all necessary steps to acquire approximately 1.916 acres of private property located adjacent to East 27th Street, south of Conestoga Hall, for a public purpose from owner Tim Reganis. Seconded by Dr. Perkins. The vote was, Yes: Klemke, Leseberg, Marcy, Nelson, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Pursuant to Section 25-2504, Dr. Gramberg declared the public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments concerning the proposed acquisition of approximately 1.916 acres of real estate open at 1:56 p.m.

Public Hearing, Pursuant
To Section 25-2504
Open Public Hearing

Dr. Gramberg reported that Section 25-2504 requires that a public hearing be conducted before negotiations can commence concerning the acquisition of private property for a public purpose. The statutes require that, at the hearing, the College shall explain the nature and necessity for the project for which it seeks to acquire the property. Dr. Gramberg asked Dr. Holcomb to provide the explanation.

Explanation of Project

Dr. Holcomb reported the reasons for acquiring the property from Mr. Reganis are: 1) The property will allow for possible expansion of parking facilities for Conestoga and Pioneer Hall student residences; 2) Acquisition of the property will facilitate the implementation of the Facilities Master Plan for the Scottsbluff Campus by creating a "natural boundary" and establishing an easily recognizable transition to the College. This would include the design and development of an appropriate west entryway into the

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Public Hearing, Pursuant
To Section 25-2504
Open Public Hearing
Explanation of Project
Cont

Campus with signage and landscaping; 3) Acquisition of the property and development of the west side of the Campus will allow for greater access for emergency responders and better security (lighting) for the campus; and 4) The College will have control of the future use of the property.

Dr. Holcomb reported the reason for selecting this location are: 1) The property is adjacent to the Scottsbluff Campus; 2) Acquisition of the property will allow the College to expand the Scottsbluff Campus for possible use as parking facilities for Conestoga Hall or a new entryway for the Campus; 3) The property will allow the College to implement recommendations of the Facilities Master Plan; and 4) If the property is acquired, it will allow the College to control the future use of the property.

Dr. Holcomb commented that pursuant to Nebraska statutes, the property owner has the right to be represented by an attorney during these proceedings, including negotiations, contracting, and any proceedings that may be necessary for the acquisition of the property by use of the Nebraska Eminent Domain statutes.

Dr. Holcomb reported that pursuant to law, the property owner has the right to negotiate and accept or reject any offer made by the College for the acquisition of the property. The College will make a request for negotiations after the statutory time lines have expired, which are at a minimum of at least thirty (30) days past the date of this public hearing.

Dr. Holcomb reported further the property owner has the right to require that damages sustained by the property owner concerning acquisition of the property are determined pursuant to procedures in Nebraska statutes involving eminent domain as set forth in Nebraska statutes. Those statutes are generally contained in Section 76-704 through Section 76-724. Other Nebraska statutes concerning eminent domain may also come into play.

Dr. Gramberg asked for any comments in support of or objection to the acquisition of the described property.

Public Comments

Mr. Tim Reganis, owner of Reganis Motors, spoke in opposition to the College acquiring the 1.916 acres of property adjacent to East 27th Street and the west boundary of the College property.

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION
Public Hearing, Pursuant
To Section 25-2504
Open Public Hearing
Public Comments
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Mr. Reganis commented that he was unaware of the College's interest in this property when he acquired it some six years ago. He suggested it is now a matter of timing, as he received a phone call from Dr. Holcomb the day after he and Mr. David Schaff were looking over the property for future development.

Mr. Reganis indicated the question is timing, and inquired whether there is an immediate need for the College to own this property. Mr. Reganis stated that he doesn't mind to sell the property to the College; but, he would prefer to develop it before selling it. He indicated he has given consideration to placing a business, such as a Starbuck's at that location.

Mr. Reganis reported it is his intention to move his auto dealership, Reganis Motors, to the property adjacent to Highway 26 and East 27th Street. Mr. Schaff is planning to develop the northern part of the property with multi-family dwellings, a hotel, and a restaurant.

Mr. Reganis pointed out that he wants to be friendly and to be a good neighbor to the College. He reported he will be working with the City of Scottsbluff in the development of a site plan that will include the auto dealership. He requested that the College delay acquisition of the property until after it has been developed and then purchase it.

In response to a question from the Board regarding whether or not the value of the property would increase after it has been developed, Mr. Reganis answered that the value would go up.

With regard to time, Board members pointed out that the Facilities Master Plan was just recently completed and was accepted by the Board at the August 2013 meeting. Also, the College did not have Conestoga Hall six years ago.

Mr. Reganis reiterated that he wants to be a good neighbor to the College and does not want to hurt the property. He indicated the College acquiring the property is a timing issue. He indicated he would like to work out the College's acquisition of the property without the use of eminent domain. Mr. Reganis remarked that his conversations with Dr. Holcomb have been very friendly.

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Public Hearing, Pursuant
To Section 25-2504
Open Public Hearing
Public Comments
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Dr. Holcomb reported there is no animosity between him and Mr. Reganis. Mr. Reganis has been working with the College.

Mr. Kelly explained that a public hearing is required by Nebraska Statute whenever private property is acquired for a public purpose. It is required when any public entity acquires private property on a willing buyer/seller basis and it is not a precursor to eminent domain.

Dr. Gramberg asked for additional comments from the public and from the Board members. There were none.

Close Public Hearing

Dr. Gramberg declared the public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments concerning the proposed acquisition of approximately 1.916 acres of real estate closed at 2:07 p.m.

Consider Motion to
Authorize College
Administration to
Proceed With
Negotiations to Acquire
Real Estate as Required
by Statues

Mr. Leseberg moved the Board authorize the College administration to proceed with negotiations to acquire 1.916 acres of real estate located adjacent to East 27th Street, and south of Conestoga Hall. Seconded by Dr. Perkins. The vote was, Yes: Leseberg, Marcy, Nelson, Pavlista, Perkins, Shaver, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels, Klemke, Gramberg. No: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

VISITORS LEFT MEETING

Mr. Reganis and Mr. Kraft left the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

MONITORING REPORTS
Enrollment Report
Ten-Day Report
Fall Semester 2013

Mr. Hovey referred Board members to the Ten-Day Enrollment Report for the Fall Semester 2013 which is included in the handout materials.

Mr. Hovey commented that last month he presented a brief overview of the enrollment for the Fall 2013. Today's report is the Ten-Day Enrollment report. Mr. Hovey reported the number of full-time students is 924, ninety-three fewer students than the Fall 2012 semester report. He remarked the number of part-time students also dropped; but, it is expected to increase significantly with the influx of business and community education enrollments. Additionally, there will be more dual credit enrollments which will increase the part-time enrollments.

Mr. Hovey referred Board members to the six-year comparison of ten-day enrollment. The credit hour production is 18,744.5. Mr. Hovey reported the recalculated information shows the number of students associated with each campus based on where they live and where they are taking

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Enrollment Report
Ten-Day Report
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Cont

most of their courses. Enrollment designated as Online and Business and Community Education are students taking all of their courses either on line or as Business and Community Education. The recalculated enrollment information figures will add to the total enrollment of 1,960 students.

Mr. Hovey reviewed the five-year comparison breakdown of full-time and part-time degree seeking students as those who are first time, transfer, continuing, or re-admits. He explained a re-admit student is one who was not here last year. There was a slight increase in the number of transfer students; but the number of full-time, first-time students dropped by 39, and there was also a drop in the full-time and part-time continuing students.

Mr. Hovey reported the gender and age breakdown of enrollment has not changed significantly. The number and percentage of students under age 18 has increased, mostly because of dual credit students.

Mr. Hovey reported the percentage of full-time students who are Hispanic is 19.8. This is a new high for Hispanic enrollment, and it is the third year the percentage has increased.

Mr. Hovey remarked that he appreciates the assistance of Mr. Stratman and Ms. Amoo in projecting the end-of-semester projections for the total headcount and Full-Time Equivalent students. The total headcount projection is 6,051 and 924 Full-Time Equivalent student projection is 924.

Mr. Hovey reported the College attracted 17.2 percent of the 2013 high school graduating class from within the College service area. While this is a decrease from recent years, it comes with a recent 9.4 percent drop in the number of high school graduates from which to draw. Mr. Hovey reported the number of recent high school graduates attracted from out of state increased from 55 to 82 students. There was also an increase in the number of international students. He reported the out-of-state and international students' share of the overall credit enrollment increased from 17.5 to 20.2. Mr. Hovey reported enrollment from within the College service area is spread proportionately across the counties, with the exception of Dawes County which showed an increase.

In response to a question from the Board regarding the number of high school graduates from within the College

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service area who actually go to college, Mr. Hovey reported he did not have that information. Ms. Klemke remarked that all high schools have this information available.

Mr. Hovey commented that although many programs saw a decline in declared majors, there were some notable increases: Psychology increased from 25 to 34; Aviation Maintenance grew from 18 to 30; and the Nursing Programs increased from 191 to 206.

Mr. Hovey asked for questions or comments. There were none.

Dr. Gramberg thanked Mr. Hovey for the Fall 2013 Ten-Day Enrollment report.

MONITORING REPORTS
Nebraska Community
College Association

There was no report from the Nebraska Community College Association.

MONITORING REPORTS
Association of
Community College
Trustees

There was no report from the Association of Community College Trustees.

BOARD MEMBER
COMMENTS

Dr. Gramberg asked for Board member comments.

Dr. Perkins remarked he saw the television ad for the Sidney Campus Aviation Program that appeared on the Big Ten Network during the Nebraska Game.

Dr. Gramberg thanked Board members for their "good job" today approving the College budgets.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Gramberg asked for President's comments.

Dr. Holcomb reported the second running of the Monument Full and Half Marathon will be held on September 28, 2013. If Board members would like to volunteer to assist with the Marathon, please contact the Foundation office. Sideline support is also welcome.

Dr. Holcomb reported that Governor Heineman will be the honored guest at Think Pink night. The Lady Cougars will host Otero Junior College at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday October 10, 2013, at the Cougar Palace.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS
Cont PRESIDENT'S
COMMENTS

Dr. Holcomb commented there is work to do regarding the College enrollment. In a proactive response to enrollment, he has formed an Enrollment Management Study Group. The group met for the first time on Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

Dr. Holcomb reported representatives from RDG Planning and Design were on campus Monday and Tuesday, September 9 and 10, 2013. They met with College administration and toured Pioneer Hall to obtain information concerning options for the facility. Dr. Holcomb remarked the College has great facilities and they have been well maintained.

On a positive note, the new water main has been installed at the Sidney Campus. The installation project involved more work than was anticipated. The College is awaiting approval by the City of Sidney, which will then take ownership of the line.

Dr. Holcomb reported there is new signage at the Aviation facility in Sidney. He thanked Mr. Knapper for his assistance in obtaining appropriate signage. A picture of the new sign was passed around for Board member information.

Dr. Holcomb reported several fun activities have been planned for Celebrate WNCC 2013, which will be held October 16 through 19, 2013. A copy of the events that will be taking place was distributed to Board members. Dr. Holcomb encouraged Board members to plan to attend some or all of the events.

Dr. Holcomb asked for questions. There were none.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
AND EVENTS

Dr. Gramberg reminded Board members of the following upcoming meetings and events:

1) The Nebraska Community College Association 2013 Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting), to be held on November 4 and 5, 2013, at North Platte, NE. He encouraged Board members to put these dates on their calendar and encouraged them to attend the meeting.

2) The Nebraska Community College Association 2014 Regular meetings to be held as follows: a) First Quarter Meeting, January 24, 2014, at Lincoln, NE; b) Second Quarter Meeting, May 19, 2014, at Norfolk, NE; c) Third Quarter

UPCOMING MEETINGS
AND EVENTS
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Meeting, August 4, 2013, Videoconference; d) Fourth Quarter Meeting (Annual Meeting), November 4 and 5, 2014, Lincoln, NE.

3) The Association of Community College Trustees 2013 Annual Leadership Congress to be held on October 2 – 5, 2013, at Seattle, WA.

4) The Association of Community College Trustees 2014 National Legislative Summit to be held on February 10 – 13, 2014, at Washington, DC.

5) The Western Nebraska Community College Foundation Monument Marathon to be held on September 28, 2013.

6) The Western Nebraska Community College Area Board of Governors Regular October 2013 Board Meeting to be held on October 16, 2013, at the Alliance Campus.

7) The Western Nebraska Community College "Celebrate WNCC 2013" to be held October 16 – 19, 2013.

8) The Western Nebraska Community College Voc-Air Fly-In to be held on October 19, 2013, from 7:00 a.m. until noon, at the Sidney Campus Aviation Building.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at Western Nebraska Community College, Alliance Campus, 1750 Sweetwater Avenue, Alliance, Nebraska. The room will be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:44 p.m.

Merlyn L. Gramberg, Chairperson

Coral E. Richards, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

- 1) Consider the following Notice of Public Hearings by the City of Gering Planning Commission and by the Gering City Council:

- a) The special exception/conditional use permit to allow a duplex in an RM (Residential Medium) Zone. The property is located on Lot 2, Fenning Addition otherwise known as 1525 & 1535 S Street in the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska. The Planning Commission hearing will held on Tuesday, September, 17, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The Gering City Council hearing will be held on Monday, October 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Gering City Council Chambers or Conference Room.

- 2) Consider the following Notice of Public Hearings by the City of Sidney Planning Commission: Hearings will be held on September 16, 2013, at 5:30 p.m.

- a) The Rezoning Application of Cabela's Incorporated to rezone a parcel of land situated in the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, township 13 North, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Nebraska, more commonly known as Cabela's Corporate Campus on Old post Road, from A (Agricultural) to C-3 (Heavy Commercial) Zone, for the purpose of constructing a commercial office, with parking, addition to the west of their current corporate headquarters.

- b) The Conditional Use Permit application of Werner Construction Inc. to operate a mobile asphalt plant, for road construction projects in the Sidney Area, on property located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 3, Township 13, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M., which is located one-half mile south of the intersection of Road 20 and Road 117 on property owned by the Kielian Family Trust, and present site of the sand and gravel pit.

- 3) Consider the following Notice of Public Hearing by the Sidney City Council: Hearing will be held on September 24, 2013, at 7:15 p.m.

- a) The redevelopment plan entitled "Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan of Cabela's Corporate Campus Expansion 2013" which has been prepared by Cabela's Wholesale, Inc. and Timothy and Virginia Reganis, for the redevelopment of certain real estate located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 13 North, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Nebraska, and generally lying North of Interstate I-80, South and southwesterly of Old Post Road, and West of Cabela's existing corporate headquarters and retail sales facility located at 1 Cabela Drive, Sidney Nebraska.

SCOTTSBLUFF CAMPUS FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT TO THE WCCA BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

Doug Jones, WNCC Science/PE Instructor, attended the National Athletic Trainer's Association National Convention in Las Vega, NV June 24-28. He earned 25 hours of continuing education of which 16 were about concussion recognition/management/prevention.

Terry Brostrom, WNCC Nursing Instructor, has now completed her fourth and fifth classes towards her PhD in Education with a specialty in Nursing through Capella University.

Rita Stinner, WNCC Vocal Music Instructor, reports that Varsity Vocalise will be featured at the National Convention of Two Year Community College Trustees on October 4, 2013. They will sing at the Noon Awards Luncheon, and again at the evening national awards dinner.

James MacArthur, WNCC Chemistry Instructor, reports that the journal article which he authored and which was published last spring, How will classroom response systems "cross the chasm"?, was in the top ten most often read journal articles from the Journal of Chemical Education for the first quarter of 2013.

Linda Mattern-Ritts, WNCC Education and Early Childhood Instructor, reports that working through the process of Technical Standards during the semester last spring helped her see the big vision for revising the Early Childhood Education curriculum throughout the summer months. She also enrolled in Dee Fink's Creating Significant Learning course, which is a course design process. The process tied together all of the pieces to enable her to revise the curriculum and all of the courses in the program. These opportunities presented a lot of professional and personal growth.

Hallie Feil, WNCC Social Science Division Chair, reports that she, Jackie Jacobsen, Assessment/Online Learning Director, Susan Dickinson, ESL Foundation Instructor/Academic Enrichment Coordinator –Language, Amy Wisniewski, WNCC English Instructor, and Yelena Khanevskaya, WNCC Art Instructor, attended and developed the WNCC Faculty Assessment Retreat in June in Fort Collins. They were able to finalize last year's projects and plan the projects for the upcoming academic year. They also purchased various books to help build an assessment resource library for faculty. The texts focus on effective grading, assessment techniques, and designing significant learning experiences.

Dr. Guy Wylie, WNCC Psychology Instructor/Human Service Program Coordinator, presented Ethics training to two different groups of CAPWN's management training team on the mornings of June 19 and 28.

Dr. William Spurgeon, WNCC Information Technology Instructor reports that in June he took three students to the Autonomous Vehicle Competition that the Spark Fun company hosts. This year it was at the Boulder Reservoir. Quinn Fogle and Blake Ross were NASA Fellowship students and worked on retrofitting an off the shelf radio controlled car during the school year. The car had to navigate a course with obstacles on its own by following a program they wrote that ran on a small microprocessor on the car. They took second in their division! We have been going to this event about two years, this was the third and most successful we have been. He has a video of the winning heat and would like to know if the board would like Quinn to come and tell the story? Robotics is not easy and we had several setbacks such as; the car not being ready and their NASA funds were spent; we smoked a microprocessor the day before we left - but Blake had one we could use; we only took one battery charger to the event and the GPS and electronic compass did not work properly just before the race. They learned much about programming, GPS, interfacing hardware, and troubleshooting. Blake is enrolled in computer science at UNO and Quinn and another student Spencer Gowin will be NASA fellowship students this year. Quinn will work with a ground vehicle and Spencer is working with a quad copter. They have an aerial competition as well.

Dr. Spurgeon also reports that he, Bob Kraft, WNCC Adjunct Information Technology Instructor, and Mike Hausmann, WNCC Business Instructor, attended the MCIT Faculty Academy held at Iowa Western in Council Bluffs. They received training in Office 2013, online teaching, HTML5 and JQuery.

Dr. Spurgeon is also using Certified Internet Webmaster (CIW) curriculum this fall in INFO-1250, HTML. This will give the students an opportunity to obtain a CIW certification, Site Development Associate. He has also received notice that a manuscript on irrigation was accepted for publication. More details will follow when that is published.