

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Cessna Learning Center**  
**CLC 104 (West Classroom)**  
**September 1, 2015-6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Jana Shaver  
Val DeFever  
Jay Jones  
Norman Chambers  
Sam Forrer  
Cynthia Sherwood

**Others Present**

Daniel Barwick, President  
Keli Tuschman, Human Resources Coordinator  
Wendy Isle, Controller  
Tammie Geldenhuys, Vice-President for Student Affairs and Athletics

**Guests**

Rob Morgan, Reporter

**I. ROUTINE**

- A. Call to Order – Jan Shaver called the special Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda – Sam Forrer moved to approve the agenda as distributed. Norman Chambers seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

**II. INSTITUTIONAL OPERATIONS**

- Approve 2015-2016 Budget for Publication – Dr. Barwick shared the background information that the Montgomery County estimated property valuations the College utilized in the previously published 2015-2016 budget did not include the increased property value resulting from the Enbridge Pipeline project. With inclusion of this factor, the Montgomery County Clerk estimated the increased valuation between twenty-five and thirty million dollars, of which ten to fifteen million dollars lies within the Independence Community College taxing district. Dr. Barwick informed the group that any additional tax revenue ICC might receive through the increased valuation could be contested by Enbridge.

Dr. Barwick shared that the Board of Trustees could make no changes to the 2015-2016 budget previously published in the paper; the valuation utilized was an estimate and ICC would take the potential \$500,000 increase in tax revenue from its operating budget and place the funds in an escrow account in the event Enbridge contests.

One option for the Board's consideration (Option I) would reduce the mill levy by an additional one-half mill and increase the amount of 2015 tax being levied by approximately \$437,000. ICC would still need to take the potential \$500,000 increase in tax revenue from its operating budget and place the funds in an escrow account in the event Enbridge contests.

Another option (Option II) would increase the total tax levied to meet the estimated additional \$500,000 revenue resulting from inclusion of the increased property value and keep that amount in

an escrow account in the event Enbridge Pipeline contests. Dr. Barwick recommended Option II, and stressed that any increased revenue would come from Enbridge and would not raise or lower taxes for local taxpayers.

Following discussion, Cynthia Sherwood moved to rescind the budget previously published and approve the 2015-2016 budget for publication based on Option II. Val DeFever seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Norman Chambers moved that the Board enter into Executive Session for thirty minutes, to include Dr. Barwick, Keli Tuschman, for the purpose of discussing negotiations to protect the district’s right to confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Jay Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m. Norman Chambers moved that the Board enter into Executive Session for an additional ten minutes, to include Dr. Barwick, Keli Tuschman, for the purpose of discussing negotiations to protect the district’s right to confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. Jay Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. The Board returned to Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN – Cynthia Sherwood moved that the meeting adjourn. Val DeFever seconded the motion and the motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Beverly Harris  
Board Clerk

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