

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
April 15, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees began at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2024.

Those present included: Trustees: Eric Schalk, chair; Darren Garrison, vice-chair; Dr. Tim Hager, secretary; Dr. Amber Richardson, treasurer; Gary Featherston, member; Chris Williams member. college administrators: Dr. Wesley Payne, President; Mark Richardson, College Attorney; and Melody Dolle-Ducote, recording secretary.

Trustee Hager delivered the invocation.

Trustee Garrison made a motion to approve the April agenda. On a second by Trustee Featherston, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Featherston nominated Dr. Wesley Payne as temporary Chairman and Melody Ducote as temporary Secretary to the Board of Trustees. With a second by Trustee Williams, the motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to Chapter 115.124, Election Authorities and Conduct of Elections of the Missouri Revised Statutes, ‘the number of candidates who have filed for a particular office is equal to the number of positions in that office to be filled by the election, no election shall be held for such office’.

For the 2024 election there were two seats available. One seat in Sub-District 1 and one seat in Sub-District 2. Each vacant seat had only one candidate that filed therefore no election was held.

The seats were filled as followed:

SUB DISTRICT 1

Dr. Amber Richardson

SUB DISTRICT 2

Dr. Tim Hager

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

INVOCATION

**APPROVAL OF BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

**TEMPORARY
APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR
AND SECRETARY**

ELECTION RESULTS

In accordance with the Public School Laws of Missouri, Temporary Chairman Dr. Payne administered the Oath of Office to

- Trustee Dr. Amber Richardson, Sub-District 1
- Trustee Dr. Tim Hager, Sub-District 2

Trustee Schalk made the motion to reorganize the board and accept the slate of officers as follows:

Chair – Trustee Garrison
Vice Chair – Trustee Hager
Secretary – Trustee Richardson
Treasurer – Trustee Featherston
Member – Trustee Williams
Member – Trustee Schalk

With a second by Trustee Williams, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Garrison assumed the Chair position.

Trustee Schalk made positive remarks about the last year as Chairman of the Board.

Trustee Schalk made a motion to accept the March Board Meeting Minutes as presented. On a second by Trustee Richardson, the motion passed unanimously.

Charlotte Eubank, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the Budget to Actuals as of the end of March 2024. Mrs. Eubank noted that we have recognized 80% of budgeted revenues. We have obligated 68% of our budgeted expenses of the fiscal year.

Trustee Hager made the motion to accept the financial report as presented. With a second by Trustee Williams, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Payne presented on the following:

Steve Whitworth presented on our recent art exhibit by Greg Edmundson a St. Louis artist. The show has been well received. Mr. Edmundson is an abstract artist who has studied in the United States and Europe who breaks down his experiences with geometric shapes inspired by the personal experiences.

**OATH OF OFFICE AND
REORGANIZATION OF THE
BOARD**

**COMMENTS FROM
RETIRING CHAIR**

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENTATION OF THE
FINANCIAL REPORT**

**APPROVAL OF
FINANCIAL REPORT**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**GREG EDMUNDSON ART
EXHIBIT**

Professors Buddy and Cindy White presented on the MSHSAA District Music Festival. We had over 1017 area band and choir students on campus. This was for our regional and district band and choir competitions.

MSHSAA DISTRICT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Professor Mark Sanders presented on the 15th Annual Spelling Bee. 25 students from 9 counties participated.

15TH ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

Coach Alex Wiggs presented on the NJCAA National Tournament where our Lady Raiders placed in the top 8th in the nation.

NJCAA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Dr. Payne presented on the Miniseries, "How to Spot a Sociopath" which was held March 20th and March 27th in addition to April 3, 2024. This event was well attended.

HOW TO SPOT A SOCIOPATH SERIES

Dr. Melissa Davis presented on Liberal Arts Week which was held the week of April 4, 2024. The campus celebrated with several activities including our Student Showcase, a Patron's of the Arts performance, the Greg Edmundson Art Exhibit and our annual Confluence publication of Student and Faculty writing.

LIBERAL ARTS WEEK

On April 8, the Chamber of Commerce of Poplar Bluff hosted Total Eclipse of the Bluff. Three Rivers College participated by hosting Three Lectures by Dr. Paul Larson, Faculty Member; Doctoral Candidate Issac Laseter, from Poplar Bluff, MO; and Tom Akers, retired astronaut from NASA. All of the events were well attended.

2024 ECLIPSE

Dr. Payne presented on our Spring Transfer Fair. We had 10 colleges and universities participate along with many students and faculty.

COLLEGE TRANSFER FAIR

On April 16, 2024, Three Rivers College along with the Butler County Resource Council and Parent's Working Committee, sponsored their Spring Job Fair. Over 100 job seekers and community members visited the fair and feedback was positive.

JOB FAIR AND CAREER EXPO

Our University Center Open House was held April 17th and 18th in the University Center.

UNIVERSITY CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Patrons of the Arts will host, "An Evening with Mark Twain" on April 18th at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

Area high school students will present their art at the annual High School Art Exhibit in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center Gallery April 22 through May 17, 2024.

Music Bingo will be held on April 26, 2024, in the Bess Activity Center. This is a community sponsored event with our partners at Haven House, Inc, FCC Behavioral Health, and Missouri Highlands.

Three Rivers Music Department will present State Fair on April 26-28, 2024. The show will feature a cast of students, faculty, staff and community members.

Our employee appreciation lunch will be held on May 3, 2024, at the Westwood Event Center. The college will close at noon so that employees will enjoy their afternoon off.

Distinguished Alumni 2024 is Dr. Sonya DiCiro. Dr. DiCiro will be honored at a reception on Monday May 6, 2024, at 4:30pm at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center. Dr. DiCiro will also deliver the commencement address to our graduates on May 17, 2024.

Our annual retirement celebration will be held on Tuesday May 7, 2024, at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center. This year we will honor three retirees: Brian Bess, Valjeane Burge and Penny Sitzes.

The music department Spring Concert will be held May 7, 2024, at 7:00pm in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

The Student Excellence Awards will take place on May 10, at 6:00pm in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

On May 17th at 2:00pm, Three Rivers Nursing Department will hold its Spring RN Pinning Ceremony in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AN EVENING WITH MARK TWAIN

HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT

MUSIC BINGO

STATE FAIR THE MUSICAL

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCH

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECEPTION

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

MUSIC DEPARTMENT SPRING CONCERT

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

RN PINNING

Later that evening Three Rivers College will hold its Commencement Ceremony at the Libla Family Sports Complex. Festivities will start at 6:00pm.

COMMENCEMENT

The 11th annual Three Rivers Endowment Trust Golf Tournament will be held at Westwood Hills Country Club on June 21st, 2024. All proceeds benefit Three Rivers Annual Fund.

TRET GOLF TOURNAMENT

Upon completion of the President's report, Trustee Richardson made a motion to go into executive session at 12:37pm. Upon a second from Trustee Eric Schalk, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Richardson, (yes); Trustee Hager, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); and Trustee Williams, (yes).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Schalk made the motion to accept the Board of Trustees Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2025. With a second by Trustee Hager, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Richardson, (yes); Trustee Hager, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); and Trustee Williams, (yes).

**ITEMS FOR
CONSIDERATION AND
VOTE**

**CONSIDERATION AND
APPROVAL OF FY2025
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING DATES**

Trustee Featherston made a motion to accept the fiscal year 2025 Holiday Schedule. With a second by Trustee Richardson, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Richardson, (yes); Trustee Hager, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); and Trustee Williams, (yes).

**CONSIDERATION AND
APPROVAL OF THE FY2025
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Trustee Featherston made a motion to accept the recommendation for the employee benefits for fiscal year 2025. With a second by Trustee Hager, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Richardson, (yes); Trustee Hager, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); and Trustee Williams, (yes).

**CONSIDERATION AND
APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS FOR FY2025**

Trustee Schalk made a motion to accept and approve all personnel actions and associated documents as presented. With a second by Trustee Richardson, the

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board was polled as follows: Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Richardson, (yes); Trustee Hager, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); and Trustee Williams, (yes).

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

There being no further business, Trustee Richardson, made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 p.m. and with a second by Trustee Hager, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT



CHAIRMAN

5-15-24
APPROVAL DATE



SECRETARY

5/15/24
APPROVAL DATE