

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THREE RIVERS COLLEGE  
August 27, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees began at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

Those present included Trustees: Dr. Tim Hager, Chair, Dr. Amber Richardson, Vice-Chair, Gary Featherston, Secretary; Chris Williams (absent), Treasurer; Eric Schalk, Member; and Darren Garrison, member; Dr. Wesley Payne, College President; Mark Richardson, College Attorney; and Melody Dolle-Ducote, recording secretary.

Trustee Hager delivered the invocation.

Trustee Schalk made the motion to approve the August Meeting agenda. On a second from Trustee Garrison, the motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Schalk made a motion to accept the June Meeting Minutes as presented. On a second by Trustee Garrison, the motion passed unanimously.

President Wesley A. Payne reviewed the college financial report as of the end of June and July 2025. We have obligated 83% of the budgeted expenses at 100% into the fiscal year.

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

Dr. Wesley Payne presented the upcoming events with the board and public audience:

The Tinnin Fine Arts center hosted our annual Drama Camp, for three separate weeks this year. Ms. JoNell Seifert directed the camp which hosted children from Poplar Bluff and surrounding areas. This year we had students return from out of state to attend again. Ms. Seifert presented to the board that this year was the first year with three sessions and they met their

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ATTENDANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**APPROVAL OF THE  
MEETING AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

**APPROVAL OF  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**TINNIN FINE ARTS CENTER  
ANNUAL DRAMA CAMP**

attendance goals.

On Friday, June 20, 2025, Three Rivers Endowment Trust held its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Westwood Hills Country Club. The event raised over \$15,000 for scholarships for Three Rivers Students.

### **12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THREE RIVERS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Cassie Cates, Executive Assistant to the Dean of Student Services and Jessica Mays, TRC Recruiter, presented on Freshman Tour Day. The day was a success with over 75 registered first-year students taking tours. The duo thanked staff and faculty who stepped in and aided with tours and answered questions at the last minute due to the high number of students taking advantage of the opportunity to find their classes early and speak with instructors.

### **FRESHMAN TOUR DAY**

Three Rivers held its Fall Convocation on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Faculty, staff, and administration celebrated with an annual convocation luncheon. Service awards spanning from 5 to 40 years, were presented to Stacey Ward, William “Buddy” White, Melissa Woolard, Andrew Rivetti, Robert Abney, Will Dougherty, Chuck Stratton, Heather Cornman, Brandy Grissom, Kevin Crafford, Dr. Mike Malone, Christina Wooldridge, Lindsey Pikey and Corey Reynolds.

### **CONVOCATION**

On August 21, Three Rivers College held a ribbon cutting for the new Farm Credit Southeast Missouri Classroom at the Three Rivers Dexter Campus. Future Farm Credit Classrooms will be built at the Three Rivers Farm, Poplar Bluff and Sikeston Campuses.

### **FARM CREDIT CLASSROOM DEXTER CAMPUS**

Jeff Null, Athletic Director, presented to the board the results of the Three Rivers Athletics Academic Review. Three Rivers College won the Harold Oetting Academic Award for the top-grade point average for the second year in a row. Our Athletes received 54 individual awards. TRC Softball was 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation with a 3.72 average GPA. Women’s Basketball was 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation with a 3.63 GPA average. Baseball was 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation with a 3.61 GPA average. Men’s Basketball finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation with a 3.40 GPA. (Individual statistics are included after the board minutes.)

### **ALL ACADEMIC HONOR REVIEW**

Dr. Payne introduced Mike Pollard, AAIA, Principal for Dille-Pollard Architecture, who gave a detailed presentation of the damage which occurred on March 14, 2025, by the EF3 tornado which struck multiple buildings on the college campus as well as the Three Rivers Farm. The college is still in a state of repair and will remain in that state until 2026. Repairs over the summer concentrated on housing, Crisp, Plaster, The ARC and Westover. The Bess Activity Center also sustained damage, and it is expected to open in 2026.

## **TORNADO DAMAGE UPDATE**

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for the Arts will be held on Saturday, September 6 at 8:00am. This year's Title Sponsor is Missouri Highlands. Ozark Federal Credit Union sponsored the shirts for the event again this year. Those interested in joining the Run may sign up online or by QR code. All proceeds from the run go to fine arts scholarships.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRET RUN FOR THE ARTS**

Farm Credit of Southeast Missouri will sponsor the Three Rivers Battle of the Bulls on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The returning event at Ray Clinton Park is open to all bull riders and will feature barrel racing, bull riding, bounce houses for the kids and food trucks. Prices are \$15 per adult and \$10 for children 8 and up.

## **BATTLE OF THE BULLS**

At the conclusion of the President's Report, Trustee Featherston made the motion to go into executive session at 12:57 p.m. On a second from Trustee Garrison, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Richardson, (yes); Trustee Hager, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); and Trustee Williams, (absent).

## **MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon adjournment of executive session at 2:10 p.m. the Board of Trustees was asked to approve changes to FP-3102 Annual Audit. On a motion by Trustee Garrison and second by Trustee Schalk, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Richardson, (absent); Trustee Hager, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); and Trustee Williams, (absent). Trustee Richardson exited at the end of executive session.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND VOTE**

### **APPROVAL OF FP-3102 ANNUAL AUDIT**



Dr. Payne asked the Board of Trustees to approve changes to FP-3601, College Property. With a motion by Trustee Featherston and a second by Trustee Schalk, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Richardson, (absent); Trustee Hager, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); and Trustee Williams, (absent).

**APPROVAL OF FP-3601**  
**COLLEGE PROPERTY**

The board was asked to approve all personnel actions and associated documents. On a motion by Trustee Schalk, and a second by Trustee Garrison, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Featherston, (yes); Trustee Richardson, (absent); Trustee Hager, (yes); Trustee Garrison, (yes); Trustee Schalk, (yes); and Trustee Williams, (absent).

**CONSIDERATION AND**  
**APPROVAL OF ALL**  
**PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND**  
**ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

With there being no further business, Trustee Garrison made the motion to adjourn at 2:15p.m. With a second by Trustee Featherston, the motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

  
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## **2024-2025 Academic Review**

**Three Rivers Athletic Department Wins Harold Oetting Award for highest GPA in the conference 3.53**

### **Women's Basketball- Team GPA Award 3.63 (9th in the Nation)**

- Kamille Brown Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Women) Sophomore First Team
- Caitlin Lord Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Women) Sophomore First
- Kaleigh Thompson Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Women) Sophomore First
- Alexia Weaver Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Women) Sophomore Second
- Brittani Wells Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Women) Sophomore Second
- Jasmine Davis Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Women) Sophomore Third
- Brooklynn Klepzig Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Women) Sophomore Third
- Samari Taylor Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Women) Sophomore Third

### **Men's Basketball -Team GPA Award 3.40 (11th in the Nation)**

- Cole Nichols Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Men) Sophomore First
- Johann Pautsch Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Men) Freshman Second
- Marial Dielic Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Men) Freshman Third
- Matthew Hampton Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Men) Freshman Third
- Ahmed Oralkan Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Men) Freshman Third
- Antonio Williams Three Rivers College 16 Basketball (Men) Freshman Third

### **Men's Baseball -Team GPA Award 3.61 (14th in the Nation)**

- Colton Fischer Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Freshman First
- Aaron Fitch Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Sophomore First
- Drew Lenehan Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Freshman First
- Bryan Payne Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Sophomore First
- Noah Pruitt Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Sophomore First
- James Speir Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Freshman First
- Grant Dotson Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Sophomore Second
- Landon Harwell Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Freshman Second
- Dorian Lippens Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Sophomore Second

- Talen McDaniel Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Freshman Second
- Matthew Moore Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Sophomore Second
- John Poole Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Freshman Second
- Edward Ahearn Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Freshman Third
- Donny Benthall Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Sophomore Third
- Larry Fikes Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Sophomore Third
- Dalton Forck Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Freshman Third
- Randy Gardner Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Freshman Third
- Logan McNamara Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Freshman Third
- Tyler Vincent Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Sophomore Third
- Jaden Anderson Three Rivers College 16 Baseball Sophomore First

#### **Women's Softball- Team GPA Award 3.72 (14th in the Nation)**

- Emily Graves Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore First
- Ashlyne Meneese Three Rivers College 16 Softball Freshman First
- Clara Rahlmann Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore First
- Erica Ross Three Rivers College 16 Softball Freshman First
- Victoria Stinnett Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore First
- Emma Crabb Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore Second
- Madelyn Hefner Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore Second
- Layla Pasley Three Rivers College 16 Softball Freshman Second
- Wriley Taylor Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore Second
- Jayden Tucker Three Rivers College 16 Softball Freshman Second
- Olivia Crabb Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore Third
- Avery Graham Three Rivers College 16 Softball Freshman Third
- Jayce Jarvis Three Rivers College 16 Softball Freshman Third
- Charly Johnson Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore Third
- Abigail Jorgensen Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore Third
- Haley Payne Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore Third
- Taylor Reed Three Rivers College 16 Softball Sophomore Third
- Mabry Tiner Three Rivers College 16 Softball Freshman Third
- Madison Wooldridge Three Rivers College 16 Softball Freshman Third
- Shelby Bowling Three Rivers College 16 Freshman Third