

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THREE RIVERS COLLEGE  
August 21, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees began at 12:02 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Trustee Hager delivered the invocation.

**INVOCATION**

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

**APPROVAL OF BOARD  
MEETING AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE JUNE  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Charlotte Eubank, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the college financial report as of the end of June, which is the end of the college's fiscal year. At the end of June, we had recognized 98% of budgeted revenues and had obligated 88% of our budgeted expenses at 100% into the fiscal year. July begins our new FY25 fiscal year. At the end of July, we have recognized 21% of budgeted revenues and we have obligated 6% of our budgeted expenses at 8% into the fiscal year.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**APPROVAL OF  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Dr. Payne presented the President's Report, as follows:

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, we held the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Three Rivers Golf Tournament which was heavily subscribed and was sold out. We had 23 teams and more than \$13,000 was raised for scholarships for our Endowment Trust.

**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THREE  
RIVERS GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

Dr. Payne introduced Jeff Null, Athletic Director for Three Rivers College. Coach Null stated that we had 39 Athletes qualify for All Academic Honors. Three Rivers won the MCCAC Harold Oetting Academic Award for the top-grade point average (3.42). They will receive the traveling trophy, from Mineral Area College, and it will be on site at our campus. Baseball, softball and women's basketball each had the top GPA in the conference. (See Appendix A for a list of complete honors and individual awards)

### **ALL ACADEMIC HONORS**

Three Rivers College hosted its annual drama camp and added an additional week this year due to demand. Dr. Payne introduced Ms. JoNell Seifert, who stated that 84 children were enrolled in the camp this year. Ms. Seifert noted that she had help from Poplar Bluff High School Drama Instructor, Nick McDaniel and from Poplar Bluff Elementary teacher, Hillary Widener. She had children from Poplar Bluff, Broseley, Perryville, Puxico, Dexter, Doniphan, Bloomfield, Qulin, Neelyville, Bernie, Ellsinore, Greenville and Arkansas. Ms. Seifert was able to sell advertising and give a scholarship, for a participant. Her goals each year are for the children to have a wonderful time at camp while making a profit for the college. This year both goals were attained. The camp specializes in allowing the children to work on singing, dancing, improvisation and ends the week with a performance. President Payne recognized Ms. Seifert for her efforts stating, "Thank you, to you. You are drama camp. You make a huge difference."

### **THREE RIVERS DRAMA CAMP**

Dr. Payne introduced Brandi Brooks, Director of Enrollment Services and Student Development. Heather King, Coordinator, Admissions & Recruitment to discuss Freshman Drop-In Day. Ms. King stated on August 9, 2024, we hosted Freshman Drop-in. -We had 60 total first time students, arrive to get acclimated before classes started. We had over 46% participate in the survey for the event which proved to be successful. Ms. Brooks said the goal of the event is to help alleviate some of the first-year anxiety that goes with a first-year college student. Although this anxiety is normal and expected, this event helps students feel more comfortable with campus and can be helpful to eliminate first day jitters for a new student.

### **FRESHMAN DROP-IN DAY/PROJECT DRIVE UPDATE**

**ITEMS FOR  
CONSIDERATION,  
DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

**REAL ESTATE PURCHASE**

Dr. Payne asked the board for approval of the purchase of the property known as "Bill and Gene's" for \$900,000.00 with a special allocation from the estate. Trustee Schalk made the motion to approve the purchase of what is known as "Bill and Gene's". Upon 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, (absent).

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


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

**ADJOURNMENT**

With being no further business, Trustee Richardson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:17p.m. and with a second by Trustee Hager, the motion passed unanimously.

  
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9/18/24  
APPROVAL DATE

  
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APPROVAL DATE

Ms. Brooks also gave an update on Project Drive. This year we had 15 CDL students graduate from our program. At the time of the meeting, 14 had passed their exams. The results for the other student were pending.

Dr. Payne spoke about convocation which was held August 12, 2024. The day is our "first day back" during which employees go through updated training, hear College updates, and ask questions. During lunch recognize years of service awards and recognitions of educational attendance are presented.

Dr. Payne pointed out that there are very few days like the first day of classes. It is an exciting time for the staff and students. Dr. Payne noted we are still registering students and are off great start of the academic year!

On September 7, 2024, we will host our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Run for the Arts at the College. 100% of the proceeds goes to funding scholarships for the students that want to participate in fine arts. Dr. Payne thanked all our sponsors and recognized Mr. Gary Croy for his work with the run each year.

On September 7<sup>th</sup> in the evening, Battle of the Bulls, hosted by the Three Rivers Rodeo Team will be held at Ray Clinton Park, in Poplar Bluff. There will be bull riding, barrel racing and lots of fun for the kids. This is a family friendly event and was well attended last year! Prices are \$15 per adult and \$10 per child.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, we will have Constitution Day. We will start the day in the Rutland Library with a viewing of a documentary on the Constitution. The film will run throughout the day. Students may register to vote as well during this time.

Upon completion of the President's Report, Trustee Schalk made the motion to move into Executive Session at 12:25pm. Upon 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, (absent).

## **CONVOCATION**

## **FIRST DAY OF CLASSES**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **RUN FOR THE ARTS**

### **BATTLE OF THE BULLS**

### **CONSTITUTION DAY**

### **MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## Appendix A

# Harold Oetting- Highest Conference GPA Award

### All Academic Teams Award

Baseball

Women's BB

Softball

## **Baseball**

### **First Team**

Hayden Cuthbertson  
Aaron Fitch  
Grant Fitch  
Josh McDonald

### **Second Team**

Jaden Anderson  
Mart Blijeven  
Trey Fikes  
Dorrian Lippens  
Cooper McClure  
Tyler Vincent

### **Third Team**

Grant Dotson  
Steven Henley  
Peyton Nelson  
Brian Payne  
Noah Pruitt  
Brady Robertson  
Stuart Tharle  
Ty Thatcher

First Team- 4.0

Second Team- 3.80-3.99

Third Team- 3.60-3.79

## **Women's BB**

### **First Team**

Alexia Weaver

### **Second Team**

Iladya Durka  
Kaleigh Thompson

### **Third Team**

Brooklyn Kelpzig  
Kiara Neal  
Samari Taylor  
Brittani Wells

## **Men's BB**

### **First Team**

DJ Prater

### **Third Team**

Cole Nichols

## **Softball**

### **First Team**

Lexus Hagood  
Camryn Casey  
Madelyn Hefner  
Tori Stinnett

### **Second Team**

Kodi VanEycke  
Alyssa Bastien  
Olivia Crabb

### **Third Team**

Josie Bezzole  
Jordan Moore  
Wriley Taylor  
Natalie Wilks  
Abi Jorgensen