

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
721 E. HIGHLAND DR. SUITE D
AUGUST 17, 2021
11:30 A.M.**

Members Present: Ward Koeser, Jory Meyer, Brandon Johnson, Rick Medalen, Larry Grondahl, Lee Murphy, Melanie Stillwell, Nate Jepsen, and Jackie Lee.

Staff Members Present: Hunter Berg, Executive Director, Laurie Furuseth, Chief Financial Officer and Kim Gratz, Office Manager.

Members Absent: Katie Kringen, Taylor Olson, and Athletic Director Jayden Olson

Director Koeser called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Director Koeser called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:
1. Bank Transaction Report
 2. Minutes dated 7/20/21
 3. Financial Statements (Housing, Supporting Foundation and WSC Foundation)
 4. Gaming Report
 5. Oil Income Report

Motion by Director Murphy seconded by Director Medalen to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections to the July 20, 2021, minutes. Motion carried.

UPDATES:

- A. WSC Update: Dr. Hirning –
1. Clark's Table - Signage will be more visible
 2. Update on enrollment numbers
 3. Covid Vaccination Initiative – Motion made by Director Grondahl, seconded by Director Jepsen to offer \$100 gift card per student/faculty/staff to get vaccinated, up to \$6,500.00 and to offer one \$500 gift card in a monthly drawing open to all vaccinated students/faculty/staff up to \$5,000.00 for a total of \$11,500.00, with an imposed deadline of two months. Seconded by Director Jepsen. Motion carried with Director Brandon Johnson voting no.
 4. Director of Marketing – Motion made by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Medalen to grant the college \$100,000.00 per year for two years to hire two full time recruiters. This would include a salary of \$36,000.00 per year plus benefits, pending verification from the college of these numbers, up to \$50,000 per year, per recruiter. Reviews would be every two months. If successful, the college

would take over payment of these salaries and benefits after the two-year period.
Motion carried.

B. Athletic Director – Dr. Hirning and Brandon Johnson updated the Board:

1. All head coaching positions have been filled
2. Welcome back barbeque is scheduled for August 25th
3. WSC will be hosting Summer Nights on Main on August 26th.
4. Donn Skadeland Memorial Golf Tournament is set for August 28th. To date, 30 teams are signed up.
5. Dueling pianos will be September 18th.

C. Apartments:

1. Badlands East occupancy is at 93%
2. Badlands West occupancy is at 85%

D. PPP Loan – 2nd round has been forgiven

E. Southern Property:

1. On track to take over 10/01/2021
2. Executive Director reported he has received two bids and is waiting on a third for the demolition of the property. Would like to start sometime in October or November. Will keep the Board advised on the third bid. Motion by Director Jepsen, seconded by Director Grondahl to grant Executive Director Berg the discretion on who to hire. Motion carried.
3. Abstract work on this property is going forward.

F. Foundation Barbeque will be August 18th

G. Alumni Week

1. Banquet is September 21, 2021
2. Giving Day is September 22, 2021

H. Monuments

1. Bases are here and weigh 8 tons each. Motion by Director Grondahl, seconded by Director Medalen to have Dakota Crane put the bases in place and to allow for any additional costs up to \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Alphabet Academy

1. The Board reviewed Alphabet Academy's offer to purchase the property. After much discussion, motion by Director Murphy, seconded by Director Stillwell to

counter the offer of \$275,000.00 and the Foundation would not replace any doors nor grant any loan. Motion carried.

B. Gaming:

1. Motion by Director Medalen, seconded by Director Meyer to transfer \$177,028.00 from General Gaming to the Gaming Trust. Motion carried.
2. Possibility of two new gaming sites.

C. Nominating Committee Report

1. The Nominating Committee met prior to the Board meeting. After much discussion it was decided to approach Bill Gathman to be the newest Board member replacing Nate Jepsen who goes off the Board in October 2021. Motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Johnson to ask Bill Gathman if he would become the newest WSC Foundation Board member. Motion carried.

Being there was not further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Hunter Berg
Executive Director