

## NDSCS Foundation Full Board Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, as a special meeting of the Foundation Full Board of NDSCS, Wahpeton, North Dakota, was duly called and held virtually on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

The following members were present: Josh Dozak, Jeff Hilgemann, Linda Hopkins, Kelly Hubrig, Chris Johnson, Joel Kaczynski, James Kapitan, Megan Kummer, Jeff Leinen, Kim Nelson, Michelle Nelson, Justin Neppl, Roger Richels, Dr. John Richman, Hugh Veit, Margaret Wall, and Melissa Wynn.

Absent: Bob Gette, Art Grochow, Harvey Link, Annette Loken, Andrew Mauch, Perry Miller, Mike Neppl, Trudy Tischer and Mike Worner.

Margaret Wall, Board President, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for joining this special meeting. Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2020 meeting— ***A motion to approve the minutes was made by James Kapitan and was seconded by Hugh Veit, motion carried.***

Margaret Wall asked President Richman to update the Foundation Full Board on the Career Academy progress. President Richman stated the reason for this special meeting was to address some time sensitive issues to continue progress with the Career Academy. The Career Academy Executive Committee is meeting regularly, and the current priority is to apply for an EDA grant for \$5 million toward the project. Senator Hoven has written a letter of support to include with the application and the EDA regional office feels our chances are good with a \$5 million ask. We have hired a professional grant writer, Amber Metz, from the Lake Agassiz Development group. The architectural firm, EAPC has also been secured to assist with the development of a project design. Hugh Veit added that the total Career Academy project cost is at \$26 million. President Richman commented that the plan includes a 125,00 sq. ft. facility that may not be totally completed in the initial phase. Metz and EAPC recently met to discuss the project parameters for the grant application which is due July 8, 2020. The EDA grant application requires matching dollars, which includes pledged amounts.

The NDSCS Alumni Foundation formalized its commitment to the project with a motion at the June 4, 2020 Executive Board meeting. Margaret Wall read the motion from that meeting: **Hugh Veit made a motion that the NDSCS Foundation pledge \$3.5 million toward the Career Academy project, Josh Dozak seconded the motion and it carried.**

**A motion was made by James Kapitan to accept the motion put forward by the NDSCS Foundation Executive Committee to proceed with a signed pledge agreement for the \$3.5 million toward the Career Academy project. Jeff Hilgemann seconded the motion, and the motion carried**

Meeting Adjournment - ***A motion to adjourn was made by James Kapitan and seconded by Chris Johnson. The motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Wynn

Approved 8.21.2020