

## NDSCS Foundation Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Foundation Executive Board of NDSCS, Wahpeton North Dakota, was duly called and held at the Yaggie Family Tech Center Boardroom on August 7, 2025.

**Members present:** Chad Wehri (Brd President), Paige Kjesbo (Zoom), Megan Kummer, Jeff Leinen, Vicky Schafer, Josh Dozak. **Absent:** Rich Slagle and Hugh Veit.

**Ex-officio members present:** Dr. Rod Flanigan

**Foundation and NDSCS Staff present:** Matthew Hallway, Kim Nelson, and Denise Laymon

Board President Chad Wehri called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

**A correction was made to the agenda under payment approvals Comstock Construction #16 should be #17. Josh made a motion to approve the agenda with change, and Megan seconded. Motion passed.**

**Vicky made a motion to approve July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Josh seconded. Motion carried.**

Vicky provided an investment update and handed out a portfolio performance summary. The ending market account value as of 6/30/2025 is \$36,743,630. Since inception the account return is 7.62 (Gross of Fees).

Matthew provided updates on the ribbon cutting and tour dates for the CIC. Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, tours begin at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Foundation Board of Directors meeting at 2:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting will take place on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. with additional tours provided.

**A slate of change approvals for the CIC were presented with Megan making a motion to accept and Josh seconded. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Vicky to recognize, address, and allow the conflict that RLE has on PRO58 to have Matthew contact Comstock and engage if possible. Motion passed.**

**Jeff made a motion to approve the CIC payments as presented and Vicky seconded. Motion carried.**

**A request to have Wayde Sick provide an addendum to extend the Capital Grants Project for an additional year to complete the grant and the required reporting was approved. Josh made a motion to approve extension and Jeff seconded. Motion carried.**

The CIC donor recognition wall was discussed. Discussion centered around ensuring those who need to be recognized are on the board and that names are listed correctly. **A motion was made by Megan and seconded by Josh to make the following changes: Recognize and add the Seal of North Dakota, Federal Treasury Seal, and NDSCS. Leave the CT3 Tech on the donor wall, but relocate and resize recognition, correct the Otter Tail Power name, and review all listings to ensure accuracy. Motion passed.**

Matthew shared that Thursday afternoon he would be attending a meeting to get everyone who is involved in the land lab the opportunity to get acquainted. Joining Matthew will be Jerry Migler, Kyle Armitage, and Linda Patterson Kosel. It was noted that an ag instructor has been hired to fill the vacancy.

Matthew Hallway, Executive Director, provided an executive director's report. He reported on community activities, development/fundraising contacts, update on the Challenge Grant, CIC, board governance, and college collaboration.

Dr. Rod Flanigan provided college updates: Aviation open house was well attended. Two projects were funded by the Cindy Schreiber Beck Workforce Initiative Grant- One million for Aviation and \$200,000 for Fire Science.

The dorms are near full capacity. Additional space/beds are needed to meet the demand. Ideas to fulfill the need are being examined. Convocation is scheduled for August 20 starting with employee social at 7:45. The Community Block party is scheduled for Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m.

A goal of the college to reach 80,000 credit hours by 2030 was shared. Projects that are in progress: Turf, Bisek addition, and parking lot by Bisek/dorms. Completed projects: Cultural Center renovation, Norgaard Hall sealing, and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue property- repair of the parking lot.

**Josh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Megan seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned 9:52.**

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Laymon

**Approved 9.11.25**