

WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

PROPOSED AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ADOPTION OF
2016 - 2017 WCCA BUDGETS MEETING

September 7, 2016

A. Call to Order, Mr. Daniels

1:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARINGS/ADOPTION OF
2016 - 2017 WCCA BUDGETS MEETING

B. Roll Call

Boardroom

Western Nebraska Community College
Scottsbluff Campus

C. Board Chairperson Comments

1601 East 27th Street
Scottsbluff, NE

D. Approval of Agenda

E. Excuse Absent Board Member(s)

F. Public Hearings/Adoption of 2016 - 2017 WCCA Budgets

1) Public Hearing on Proposed 2016 - 2017 Budgets, Pursuant to Sections 13-501 to 13-513, R.R.S., and Section 85-1517, R.R.S. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following budgets and consider amendments relative thereto.

a) Open Public Hearing

b) Presentation of Proposed 2016 - 2017 Budgets

- 1) General Fund
- 2) Capital Improvement and Bond Fund
- 3) Designated Funds
- 4) Restricted Fund
- 5) Agency Fund

c) Public Comments

d) Close Public Hearing

2) Adoption of 2016 - 2017 Budgets

a) General Fund - \$27,511,840.00

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2) Adoption of 2016 - 2017 Budgets – Cont.

b) Capital Improvement and Bond Fund - \$8,016,102.00

c) Designated Fund - \$5,095,155.00

d) Restricted Fund - \$7,238,126.00

e) Agency Fund - \$400,000.00

3) Public Hearing Pursuant to Section 77-1601.02, for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

a) Open Public Hearing

b) Presentation of 2015 - 2016 Property Tax Request – \$11,799,571.85

c) Presentation of 2015 Tax Rate - \$0.100533

d) Property Tax Rate (2015 - 16 Request/2016 Valuation) – \$0.094275

e) Presentation of 2016 - 2017 Property Tax Request – \$12,582,767.37

f) Presentation of 2016 Tax Rate - \$0.100533

g) Public Comments

h) Close Public Hearing

4) Adoption of Final 2016 – 2017 Property Tax Request and Rate

a) General Fund - \$9,967,387.25 - \$0.079637

b) Capital Improvement and Bond Fund - \$2,615,380.12 - \$0.020896

G. Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 7, 2016, immediately following the Public Hearings/Adoption of the Proposed 2016 -2017 WCCA Budgets, (at approximately 1:45 p.m.), Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

H. Adjournment

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TIME AND PLACE ROLL CALL NOTICE OF MEETING	The Western Community College Area Board of Governors held a meeting for the purpose of Public Hearings and adoption of the proposed 2016 – 2017 Western Community College Area Budgets at 1:06 p.m., on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, located at 1601 East 27 th Street, in the City of Scottsbluff, in the County of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, as per the Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary and Notice of Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request published in the <u>Star-Herald</u> , on Thursday, September 1, 2016 and the publicized notice in the <u>Star-Herald</u> , on Friday, September 2, 2016, with the following members present: Merlyn L. Gramberg, F. Lynne Klemke, William M. Packard, M. Thomas Perkins, Thomas L. Perlinski, R.J. Savely, Jr., Richard G. Stickney, Julienne K. Walworth, Timothy H. Daniels, Chairperson. Absent: Kimberly A. Marcy, Mary K. Shaver. Student Representatives present: Ashley Burr, Sidney Campus. Faculty Representatives present: None. College staff present: Todd R. Holcomb, William D. Knapper, Coral E. Richards, Evangeline K. Grant, David E. Groshans, Paula J. Abbott, Roger S. Hovey, Robyn R. Iossi, Allison Judy, Susan L. Verbeck. College Attorney present: Philip M. Kelly. A current agenda was available in the College President's office and the Board Secretary's office on the Scottsbluff Campus at the time of the publicized notice.
QUORUM	Mr. Daniels declared a quorum was present for the transaction of business.
BOARD CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS	Mr. Daniels announced that for public information, there is a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act available on the table at the back of the room. Mr. Daniels thanked the College staff for their hard work to prepare the budgets. He also thanked the Board members for their thoughtful participation in the preparation of the 2016 – 2017 WCCA Budgets, and for their attendance at the budget work sessions.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Dr. Perkins moved the agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Dr. Packard. The vote was, Yes: Gramberg, Klemke, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Stickney,

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Cont.	Walworth, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Marcy, Shaver. Motion carried.
EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS	<p>Mr. Daniels reported Ms. Marcy notified the Secretary that she would be unable to attend the meeting today because of Personal Health. Ms. Shaver is unable to attend the meeting today because of Personal Business.</p> <p>Ms. Klemke moved Ms. Marcy and Ms. Shaver be excused from the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Savely. The vote was, Yes: Klemke, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Marcy, Shaver. Motion carried.</p>
PUBLIC HEARINGS/ ADOPTION OF 2016 – 2017 WCCA BUDGETS Open Public Hearings	Pursuant to Section 13-501 to 13-513, R.R.S. and Section 85-1517, R.R.S., Mr. Daniels declared the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following budgets and consider amendments relative thereto open at 1:09 p.m.
Presentation of Proposed Budgets	Mr. Knapper reported over the past four months the Board has held Informal meetings for the purpose of budget work sessions. During those meetings the budgets were presented and considered in detail.
2016 – 2017 WCCA General Fund Budget	<p>Mr. Knapper presented the 2016 – 2017 General Fund Budget, which is the heart of the College's operations, in the amount of \$26,624,000.00. He remarked the total General Fund Budget request is \$27,511,840.00, which includes \$887,840.00 for tuition remissions. The proposed 2016 – 2017 General Fund Budget reflects a modest increase of 2.17 percent over the previous year.</p> <p>Mr. Knapper reviewed the primary revenue sources for the 2016 – 2017 General Fund Budget, which are state-aid, property tax, and tuition and fees. He reported the state-wide appropriation for state aid increased 2.38 percent. The distribution of state aid as defined in LB 946 of the 2012 Legislative session provides the College with \$12,793,530.00, which represents a 2.32 percent increase. Mr. Knapper reviewed how the allocation of state-aid is distributed among the community colleges. During the 2016 Legislative session, a one-time appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 was made available to the community colleges. The distribution was based on the existing state-aid formula and the share apportioned to the College is \$87,690.00.</p>

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Mr. Knapper remarked state-aid represents slightly more than 46.82 percent of the total general fund revenue for the College. The increase provided nearly 67 percent of the new funds needed to underwrite the modest increase to the General Fund Budget.

Mr. Knapper reported proposed revenue from tuition and fees was once again budgeted at a decreased amount from the prior year due to decreasing enrollment. Revenue from this source was decreased \$163,884.00 or 5.27 percent. Mr. Knapper reported the per credit hour resident tuition rate increased by \$3.50. The total tuition and fee rate per credit hour for residents is \$112.50. The non-resident tuition and fee rates were unchanged at \$122.00 per credit hour. The total tuition and fee rate for border states was increased \$4.50 per credit hour to \$113.50.

Mr. Knapper reported the net revenue from ad valorem property tax is \$9,677,075.00, which represents an increase of \$593,224.00 or 6.53 per cent. Out of concern for property taxpayers, both the Board and College administration developed a General Fund and Capital Improvement Fund budget that would hold the total property tax levy static.

Mr. Knapper reported at the direction of the Board during the Budget Workshop held last June, the College administration cut \$102,000 from the budget. Mr. Knapper reported there is an additional one-time revenue source taken from the Reserve account in the amount of \$180,000.00 to expand the ITV delivery system.

Mr. Knapper reviewed other General Fund revenue sources which are unchanged from the previous year: Interest - \$65,000.00; Transfers - \$100,000.00; Miscellaneous - \$250,000.00, which includes fees for consumable supplies; and a draw from cash reserves in the amount of \$250,000.

Mr. Knapper reported there are five expenditure categories: Personnel Costs - \$16,493,764.00; Operating Expense - \$8,707,159.00; Travel - \$686,012.00; Equipment - \$657,065; and a Contingency of \$80,000.00.

In response to the challenges in developing the General Fund 2016 – 2017 Budget, College staff members charged with budget duties were asked to develop division and department financial plans with no increase in operational budgets. Mr. Knapper reported Operating Expense, which

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includes utilities increased 3.87 percent; Travel Expenses increased 6.10 percent; Equipment Expense increased 21.69 percent, which includes the expansion of the College's instructional TV capabilities. The Contingency Expense was reduced 3.61 percent.

Mr. Knapper referred Board members to the single page handouts. The first handout illustrates the amount of state aid the College has received beginning with the 2008 – 2009 Fiscal Year. With the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year, the College will recapture the cumulative loss of \$1,119,253.00 up to 2011 – 2012 plus an additional \$161,487.00.

The second handout depicts the Static State Aid Distribution to the six community colleges based on 2012 – 2013 percentage utilizing a formula that contained an equalization factor, and the appropriation to be allocated from the FY 2016 – 2017 using an enrollment driven formula. Mr. Knapper commented since 2012 – 2013 the state-aid appropriation has been distributed to the community colleges utilizing an enrollment driven factor. In 2012 – 2013, the state aid appropriation was \$87,870,147.00 and in 2016 – 2017 it is \$100,828,308.00, an increase of 14.75 percent. In 2016 – 2017, the Western Area will receive a 9.72 percent increase, while the Central Area will receive a 23.61 percent increase. A formula that does not contain an equalization factor, provides a lesser percentage to the areas that are less wealthy (have a lower tax base i.e. lower assessed valuation) and a greater percentage to the areas with a higher tax base.

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Capital Improvement
and Bond Fund Budget

Mr. Knapper reported there are notable changes in the Capital Improvement and Bond Fund. He reported the 2016 – 2017 Capital Improvement and Bond Fund Budget is \$8,016,102.00. Mr. Knapper reviewed the revenue sources for this budget which include \$2,359,057.00 from net ad valorem property tax for capital projects and \$180,137.00 net ad valorem property tax for debt service. Other revenue sources include transfers from student housing for debt service \$236,527.00 (Conestoga) and \$124,327.00 (Pioneer), and Facility Fee revenue of \$186,500.00. Mr. Knapper reported there is a balance carried forward of \$4,953,554.00.

Mr. Knapper reported Capital Improvement and Bond Fund expenditures include \$6,059,221.00 for Theatre and front entrance renovations to better serve students, as identified in the Facility Master Plan. Other expenditures

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include: \$280,000.00 to upgrade the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system at the Scottsbluff Campus Welding Shop; \$170,000.00 for the construction of a Storage and Protection facility for the College vehicles, identified in the Master Facility Plan; \$60,000.00 to correct a drainage issue on the west side of the Scottsbluff Campus; \$300,000.00 for the 14th Avenue Street paving assessment as full payment to avoid any interest payments; \$100,000.00 for internal/external improvements as may become necessary on the Scottsbluff Campus; \$540,981.00 for the debt service for Scottsbluff Campus student housing and the Harms Center Addition financing; \$1,500.00 for trustee fees; and \$504,400.00 in yet to be specified Facility Fee expenditures.

The facility needs of the College continue to challenge the organization. The Scottsbluff Campus main building is now over 45 years old and it has not had a major refresh of the electrical, HVAC, plumbing, window systems and other infrastructure. A facility condition assessment study was concluded in 2012 that provides a blueprint for addressing the needs of an aging facility. Additionally, a Master Facility Plan study was concluded in 2013, which will provide guidance for updating the educational, residential, and office spaces. Accordingly, a contingency account has been established to begin addressing the financial requirements of responding to those studies.

Mr. Knapper reported the 2026-2017 Capital Improvement Fund Levy is proposed at \$0.020896 of which \$0.019414 cents is for capital projects and \$0.001482 is for capital improvements.

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Mr. Knapper reviewed the Western Area Property Tax Levy for the period of Fiscal Year 1992 - 1993 through the current year. The highest tax levy request of \$0.127600 occurred in Fiscal Year 1993 – 1994. In Fiscal Year 2002 – 2003, the levy was \$0.077270 reflecting the only year when the state aid formula was fully funded. The proposed total tax levy for the 2016 – 2017 College budgets is \$0.100533, the same levy as in 2014 – 2015 and 2015 – 2016.

Mr. Knapper reviewed the supporting schedules which show the College budget is within the legal limit of Restricted Funds Authority and also the Levy Limit Authority. These supporting schedules are required to be filed as a part of the Budget Document that is submitted to each

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County Clerk and the State Auditor's Office on or before September 20 of each year.

Mr. Knapper reported the College has \$3,643,032.86 in Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority. For the 2016 – 2017 year, the College received the base limitation of 2.5 percent. Additionally, the Board of Governors approved an additional one percent increase by a seventy-five percent vote during the Regular Board of Governors meeting held on July 20, 2016. Other allowable increases include, growth in student enrollment, which did not occur.

Mr. Knapper pointed out the College has a total levy limit of 11.25 cents, which includes up to a two cent limit for the Capital Improvement and Bond Fund. He reported the levy limit may be exceeded by the amount necessary to retire debt. Mr. Knapper reviewed the Levy Limit Form. He remarked the total levy request of \$0.099050, excluding debt, is well below the levy limit established by Nebraska statute. Likewise, the levy request for the Capital Improvement and Bond Funds of \$0.019414 is below the two cent levy limit established by Nebraska statute.

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Designated Fund,
Restricted Fund and
Agency Fund Budgets

Mr. Knapper reported in addition to the tax-supported fund budgets, the College also has funds which are supported by non-tax dollars. The Board of Governors approves the claims for the Designated Fund, Restricted Fund, and Agency Fund each month.

Mr. Knapper presented the 2016 – 2017 Designated Fund Budget in the amount of \$5,095,155.00. This fund is comprised of proprietary or enterprise funds that are internally restricted for a specific purpose such as the bookstore, food service and student housing. Mr. Knapper commented these funds are segregated by campus.

Mr. Knapper presented the 2016 – 2017 Restricted Fund Budget in the amount of \$7,238,126.00. This fund is comprised of monies which are externally restricted for a specific purpose, primarily state grants and direct Federal grants.

Mr. Knapper presented the Agency Fund Budget which is comprised of monies which the College holds in a fiduciary capacity for others, primarily student organizations. Mr. Knapper requested authority to act in a fiduciary capacity for the Agency Fund Budget in the amount of \$400,000.00.

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Mr. Knapper recognized and thanked Dr. Holcomb for his early and committed response to the financial challenges that became evident during the past twelve months. He also recognized and thanked Mr. Groshans for his assistance in budgeting for personnel costs, and Dr. Kim Dale who assisted in budget preparation as the College administration sought adjustments to the budget to align with the Board directives. Mr. Knapper also thanked all of the College staff members who had budget responsibilities, commenting their work is very much appreciated. Mr. Knapper remarked the budgeting process at the College involves many within the institution, which hopefully keeps the organization well informed about the budget.

Mr. Knapper commented the financial plan developed for the 2016 -2017 Fiscal Year aligns the resources of the institution with the commitment of the Board members, faculty and staff to make a difference in the futures of everyone attending the institution and to improving the quality of life throughout the area.

Public Comments

Mr. Daniels asked for comments from the public concerning the proposed 2016 - 2017 Western Community College Area Budgets.

Pursuant to Board Policy #830.100.79, Mr. Daniels requested anyone wishing to make comments to please limit their comments to five minutes.

Mr. Terry Jessen commented he appreciated the Board's policy to place a time limit on individual comments. He remarked the individuals in attendance today include friends and neighbors who support the College; but do not support the tax increase. He remarked the majority of the property tax is paid by members of the agricultural communities in the district. He cited the downturn in local commodity prices while the input costs remain the same if not higher. The increase in (primarily) agricultural valuations results in higher property tax dollars even though the levy remains the same. Mr. Jessen encouraged the College to reduce expenditures by ten percent, or utilize cash reserves to eliminate a tax levy for the coming year.

Mr. Jessen inquired how the Board and administration planned to convince the taxpayers that the six million dollar renovation project would provide a better education for the students.

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Mr. Jessen suggested it was not prudent to pay the paving assessment in total. Mr. Knapper reported the decision to pay the assessment in full was made to avoid paying a high interest rate.

In looking at the College Website, the Legislature declared community colleges to be responsible to the people it serves with primary control by a local board. Mr. Jessen remarked he agrees that the funding formula should provide equalization. He suggested the community colleges should be taken off the property tax rolls and the proper way to fund the community colleges would be total state aid.

Mr. Jessen once again encouraged the Board to place a one year moratorium on the tax levy. He commented the agricultural producers need property tax relief. Mr. Jessen thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Allen Kreman remarked as an ag producer he has been forced to take a second job because expenses need to be paid. Corn prices are below the cost of production. He encouraged the Board to look at ways to provide property tax relief to the taxpayers.

Ms. Linda Norman of Bridgeport remarked she is a member of the local school Board. She commented the Bridgeport Public Schools tax levy is holding solid. She remarked she appreciated the fact the College is not raising the levy; however, the increases in valuation result in higher payments of tax dollars to the political subdivisions.

Mr. Justin Kreman commented as a young farmer it is very difficult to get started in that business. He remarked he attended the College and understands the importance of the College; however, he is concerned about the amount of property tax that is being levied. He encouraged the Board to lower the tax request.

Mr. Daniels thanked members of the public for their interest in the College and for their comments concerning the 2016 – 2017 Western Community College Area Budgets.

Close Public Hearing

Mr. Daniels declared the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, oppositions, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2016 - 2017 Western Community College Area Budget closed at 1:58 p.m.

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Adoption of 2016 – 2017
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General Fund

Mr. Savely moved the Board adopt the 2016 – 2017 Western Community College Area General Fund Budget in the amount of \$27,511,840.00 which will require funding from ad valorem property tax in the amount of \$9,967,387.25 generating net ad valorem property tax receipts of \$9,667,075.00. He further moved, pursuant to Section 85-1517(2)(a), the Board set the property tax levy for the 2015 – 2016 General Fund Budget at \$0.079637 on each one hundred dollars on the taxable valuation of property subject to the levy within the Western Community College Area. Seconded by Dr. Gramberg. The vote was, Yes: Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Klemke, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Marcy, Shaver. Motion carried.

Adoption of 2016 – 2017
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Capital Improvement
And Bond Fund

Mr. Stickney moved the Board adopt the 2016 – 2017 Western Community College Area Capital Improvement and Bond Fund Budget in the amount of \$8,016,102.00 which will require funding from ad valorem property tax in the amount of \$2,615,380.12 generating net ad valorem property tax receipts of \$2,539,204.00. He further moved, pursuant to Section 85-1517(2)(b) and Section 13-520, the Board set the property tax levy for the 2015 – 2016 Capital Improvement and Bond Fund at \$0.020896 on each one hundred dollars on the taxable valuation of property subject to the levy within the Western Community College Area. Seconded by Ms. Klemke. The vote was, Yes: Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Klemke, Packard, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Marcy, Shaver. Motion carried.

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Designated Fund

Ms. Walworth moved the Board adopt the 2016 – 2017 Western Community College Area Designated Fund Budget in the amount of \$5,095,155.00. Seconded by Mr. Perlinski. The vote was, Yes: Perlinski, Savely, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Klemke, Packard, Perkins, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Marcy, Shaver. Motion carried.

Adoption of 2016 – 2017
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Restricted Fund

Ms. Klemke moved the Board adopt the 2016 – 2017 Western Community College Area Restricted Fund Budget in the amount of \$7,238,126.00. Seconded by Mr. Stickney. The vote was, Yes: Savely, Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Klemke, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Marcy, Shaver. Motion carried.

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Agency Fund

Mr. Perlinski moved the Board authorize the College to act in a fiduciary capacity for the 2016 – 2017 Agency Funds that the College holds for others in the amount of \$400,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Shaver. The vote was, Yes: Stickney, Walworth, Gramberg, Klemke, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Marcy, Shaver. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Setting
A Tax Request Different
Than the Prior Year
Open Public Hearing

Pursuant to Section 77-1601.02, Mr. Daniels declared the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers related to setting the tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request open at 2:02 p.m.

Presentation of
2015 – 2016 Property
Request and Tax Rate

Mr. Knapper presented the 2015 – 2016 Property Tax Request and Property Tax Rates for the Western Community College Area Budgets as follows:

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
General Fund	\$9,356,366.53	\$0.079717
Capital Improvement and Bond Fund	\$2,443,205.32	\$0.020816
Total	\$11,799,571.85	\$0.100533

Mr. Knapper reported the 2016 Assessed Valuation for the Western Community College Area is \$12,516,070,016.00 as certified by the County Assessors within the Western Area on August 20, 2016. The assessed valuation of property within the Western Community College Area increased by 6.64 percent. This compares to a 9.99 percent increase in 2015 and a 10.68 percent increase in 2014. The 2016 valuation increased in all counties with the exception of Kimball County which has a 3.97 percent decrease. Five counties certified double-digit increases: Cherry County – 21.5 percent; Garden County – 12.38 percent; Grant County – 12.35 percent; Sheridan County – 10.57 percent; and Sioux County – 16.45 percent. Scotts Bluff County certified the smallest increase in assessed valuation at 2.04 percent.

Presentation of Property
Tax Rate (2015 – 2016 Re
quest/2016 Valuation)

Mr. Knapper presented what the property tax rate would be using the 2015 – 2016 Property Tax Requests and the 2016 Valuation:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ ADOPTION OF 2016 – 2017 WCCA BUDGETS Presentation of Property Tax Rate (2015 – 2016 Re quest/2016 Valuation)	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
	General Fund	\$9,356,366.53	\$0.074754
	Capital Improvement and Bond Fund	\$2,443,205.32	\$0.019521
	Total	\$11,799,571.85	\$0.094275

Presentation of
2016 – 2017 Property Tax
Request and Tax Rate

Mr. Knapper presented the 2016 – 2017 Actual Property Tax
Requests and Rates as follows:

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Tax Request</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
General Fund	\$9,967,387.25	\$0.079637
Capital Improvement and Bond Fund	\$2,615,380.12	\$0.020896
Total	\$12,582,767.37	\$0.100533

Mr. Knapper commented the total tax request includes a
one percent collection fee and a two percent delinquent
fee, which is allowable by statute.

Mr. Knapper reported the 2016 Tax Rate is the same rate as
the two previous years.

Mr. Daniels asked for comments from the public concern-
ing setting the tax request at a different amount than the
prior year tax request.

Mr. Daniels reminded community members who wish to
make comments regarding setting the tax rate at a differ-
ent amount than the prior year, that pursuant to Board Pol-
icy #830.1000.79, each speaker will be limited to a five mi-
nute presentation.

There were no Public Comments.

Close Public Hearing

Mr. Daniels declared the Public Hearing for the purpose of
hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or obser-
vations of taxpayers relating to setting the tax request at a
different amount than the prior year request closed at 2:07
p.m.

Adoption of Final 2016 –
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quest and Rate
General Fund

Dr. Perkins moved, pursuant to Section 77-1601.02, the
Board set the Western Community College Area General
Fund 2016 - 2017 tax request at \$9,967,387.25. He further
moved, pursuant to Section 85-1517(2)(a), the Board set

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the final property tax levy for the 2016 – 2017 Western Community College Area General Fund at \$0.079637 on each one hundred dollars on the taxable valuation of all property subject to the levy within the Western Community College Area. He further moved the Secretary be instructed to certify the final tax request and final tax levy to each county Board of Equalization within the Western Community College Area. Seconded by Ms. Walworth. The vote was, Yes: Walworth, Gramberg, Klemke, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Stickney, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Marcy, Shaver. Motion carried.

Adoption of Final 2016 –
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quest and Rate
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Mr. Stickney moved, pursuant to Section 77-1601.02, the Board set the Western Community College Area Capital Improvement and Bond Fund 2016 – 2017 Tax Request at \$2,615,380.12. He further moved, pursuant to Section 85-1517(2)(b) and Section 13-520, the Board set the final property tax levy for the 2016 – 2017 Capital Improvement and Bond Fund at \$0.020896 on each one hundred dollars on the taxable valuation of all property subject to the levy within the Western Community College Area. He further moved the Secretary be instructed to certify the final tax request and the final tax levy to each county Board of Equalization within the Western Area. Seconded by Mr. Savely. The vote was, Yes: Gramberg, Klemke, Packard, Perkins, Perlinski, Savely, Stickney, Walworth, Daniels. No: None. Absent: Marcy, Shaver. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Regular meeting of the Western Community College Area Board of Governors will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, immediately following the Public Hearings on the Proposed 2016 – 2017 WCCA Budgets, in the Boardroom, Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Campus, 1601 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daniels declared the meeting for the purpose of the Public Hearings and adoption of the proposed 2016 – 2017 Western Community College Area Budgets adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Timothy H. Daniels, Chairperson

Coral E. Richards, Secretary