Members present: Sue Gibson, Dr. Paul Baltz, Doug Cox, John Jackson, Jr., Ray Noel, Leo Baltz, Ruth Ann Ellis and Dr. Wayne Hatcher. Guests present: Angie Caldwell, Dr. Roger Johnson, Brenda Gillogly, and Martha Nelson. Vickie French was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

Sue Gibson welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by John Jackson to approve the minutes of May 15th, June 4th, June 9th, and June 10th as presented. Motion seconded by Ray Noel. Unanimous.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Guns on Campus
Motion by Doug Cox that the BRTC Board of Trustees reaffirms Policy 6145 which disallows the carrying of a concealed firearm of any type by employees, students, or guests in the building or on the grounds of Black River Technical College at its various locations. This policy shall be in effect for a period of one year, as specified in Act 226 of the 89th General Assembly. Motion seconded by Dr. Paul Baltz. Unanimous.

Project REACH
Dr. Wayne Hatcher notified the board that the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) awarded a grant of $140,000 for Phase III – Expanding Public Visitation at the REACH sites. Dr. Jan Ziegler, Brenda Gillogly and Jessica Bailey attended the presentation phase of the grant process in Little Rock. A REACH Committee will identify a priority list and decide on the best use of the funds.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
FY 14-15 Carl Perkins Grant
Angie Caldwell reported that the FY14-15 Carl Perkins Grant proposal has been approved. The budget for the year is $111,000. Three positions will be funded: 1) Mylea White – Resource Assistant for Technical Program Completion (this will be the third and final year for Perkins funding for this position); 2) Scott Wright – part-time technical coach (available to students taking online courses) which has proven to be a very useful tool. This will be the second year in the funding cycle; and 3) Instructor for the Criminal Justice pilot program. If the program is successful, the college will absorb the costs once the three years of grant funding ceases.
ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS
Update on Health/Science Building Project
Brenda Gillogly shared an aggressive timeline of events required to finalize the contract for the Health/Science Building project in order to meet all the requirements of USDA, Nabholz, and Friday, Eldredge & Clark.

- June 16th – Final drawings are issued to Nabholz for bidding.
- July 10th – Bids are due to Nabholz.
- July 16th – A meeting at BRTC including all decision makers, team members and the Board of Trustees Finance/Capital Projects Committee to review the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the project. Firm decisions, plans of action, and responsibilities of all parties must be identified to proceed.
- July 28th – August 1st – Nabholz finalizes the contract with BRTC.
- August 4th – Notice to Proceed issued. Nabholz mobilizes and construction begins.

Operating Budget
Brenda Gillogly presented members an Operating Budget – Fund 1 through May 31, 2014 with same date comparison data from last year for review. Also provided was a comparative statement of revenues and expenses for the Auxiliary – Fund 3 for the same timeframe.

STUDENT AFFAIRS
Enrollment Data
Martha Nelson shared admissions data for the fall 2014 semester. Currently there are 1,041 unduplicated students enrolled.

Paragould Student Affairs Coordinator Position
Martha Nelson presented members with a position description and rationale for a permanent, fulltime Paragould Student Affairs Coordinator. Motion by John Jackson to create a fulltime permanent staff position for a Paragould Student Affairs Coordinator, to be filled this summer. This position will allow for consistent services and supervision of the Paragould site and an increasingly important strategic role for Paragould within the larger BRTC enrollment environment. Motion seconded by Ray Noel. Unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS
Sue Gibson presented Dr. Wayne Hatcher a plaque thanking him for his dedicated service to Black River Technical College from July 2011 – June 2014.

NEXT MEETING DATE
The next scheduled meeting of the BRTC Board of Trustees is Thursday, August 28, 2014, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Ruth Ann Ellis to adjourn into executive session. Motion seconded by John Jackson. Unanimous.
REGULAR SESSION
Motion by Dr. Paul Baltz to resume regular session. Motion seconded by Ray Noel. Unanimous.

Motion by Doug Cox to hire Dr. Eric Turner as the next BRTC President. Motion seconded by Ruth Ann Ellis. Unanimous. Dr. Turner’s start date has yet to be determined. Mr. Cox expressed appreciation on behalf of the board to Julie Edington and Amber Green for their help with the search process.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by John Jackson to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Doug Cox. Unanimous.

Also attending the meeting:
Kim Bigger
Amanda Dobbs
Julie Edington
Amber Green
Regina Moore
Ann Savage
Donna Statler
Rhonda Stone
Dalton Sullivan of the Pocahontas Star Herald
Betty White