Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Gaines Technology Center Conference Room
April 8, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Sue Gibson welcomed trustees and guests to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion by Doug Cox to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Ruth Ann Ellis. Unanimous.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRM
John Jackson reported that the Finance/Capital Projects Committee interviewed 4 firms on February 27, 2014 using the same selection criteria for each. All agreed that each firm was capable of providing the services; yet, when scoring was completed, Nabholz Construction Services was the top choice. Motion by John Jackson to accept Nabholz Construction Services as BRTC’s Construction Management Firm for the Health/Science Complex project. Motion seconded by Doug Cox. Unanimous.

REVISION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Policy Number: 6190 Benefits Options - updated to reflect the state mandated changes regarding Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ARTRS) and Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS). ARTRS will now be available to all newly hired employees as will APERS which increased the matching to 14.88%. Alternate retirement plans VALIC and TIAA-CREF were also updated to include the wording newly hired employees. Motion by Ruth Ann Ellis to approve the changes as presented. Motion seconded by Doug Cox. Unanimous.

Policy Number: 8130 – III. C. 2. Bylaws – addition which reads...The Chair shall have the authority to sign contractual obligations for the College. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall have the authority to sign contractual obligations for the College. Motion by John Jackson to approve the addition as presented. Motion seconded by Doug Cox. Unanimous.
SIGNATURE RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT
Motion by Ruth Ann Ellis that the Board of Trustees of Black River Technical College authorizes the Chair of the Board of Trustees, or in the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, to enter into a contractual obligation, and sign official documents for Black River Technical College involving the agreement with Nabholz Construction Services to serve as the construction manager for the new construction of the Board approved Health/Science Complex project. Motion seconded by John Jackson. Unanimous.

INCURRANCE OF DEBT
Motion by John Jackson that the Board of Trustees of Black River Technical College authorizes the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Board Secretary to be authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate in the execution of all written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such agreement for the new construction of the Board approved Health/Science Complex project. Motion seconded by Doug Cox. Unanimous.

LETTERS OF NOTIFICATION
Angie Caldwell notified trustees that Letters of Notification will be send to ADHE regarding:

Respiratory Care – the general education requirements will drop from 40 to 33 hours bringing the program into alignment with ACT 747.

Aviation – restructuring the aviation program will allow the reduction of the number of credit hours from 101 to 92 bringing the program into alignment with ACT 747.

Auto Collision – a name change from Auto Collision Repair Technology to Auto Collision Cosmetic Repair Technology.

Technical Math –
The development of a Technical Math for Trades and Industry which will be a modular-based, college-level course with a prerequisite of Introductory Algebra. All tech students, regardless of their technical program, will take this class taught by a math faculty member. The course is appropriate for both certificates and AAS degrees in the trade and industrial areas. The technical faculty member will address program-specific math within their program when needed.

The development of a Technical Math for Business which will be a modular-based, college-level course with a prerequisite of Introductory Algebra. Taught by a math faculty member, the course is appropriate for both certificates and AAS degrees in business.
OTHER BUSINESS
Members were invited to the National Technical Honor Society Induction ceremony at 6:00 p.m. in the RCDC.

Members were invited to BRTC Campus Preview Night scheduled for Thursday, April 10th, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by John Jackson to adjourn into executive session. Motion seconded by Dr. Paul Baltz. Unanimous.

Motion by John Jackson to resume regular session. Motion seconded by Dr. Paul Baltz. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Doug Cox to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Motion seconded by Leo Baltz. Unanimous.

Doug Cox, Secretary

April 10, 2014

Also attending the meeting:
Phillip Dickson                Julie Edington            Amber Green
Janna Guthrey                 Regina Moore              Ann Savage
Rhonda Stone                  Betty White