

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

**Board Room
Third Floor, Administration Building
Blinn College, 802 Green Street
Brenham, Texas**

Special Meeting, Monday, March 5, 2007, 12 Noon

The Board of Trustees convened at 12 Noon with the following members present: Mr. Steve M. Westbrook, President, presiding; Mr. Atwood C. Kenjura, Vice President; Mr. Norwood Lange, Secretary; Dr. Henry J. Boehm, Jr., Mr. Don Jones, and Mr. L.J. Lacina, Jr.

Board members not present: Mr. Leon Toubin.

Members of the college staff in attendance were: Dr. Donald E. Voelter, President; Mr. John D. Barkman and Dr. John D. Harris, Dr. Daniel Holt, and Dr. Debra LaCour, vice presidents; and Mr. Gus Mutscher.

Also registered as in attendance were: Mr. John Muegge, Mr. Willy Dilworth, Mr. Charles Thielemann, and Mr. Gary Engel, *Brenham Banner-Press*.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Steve M. Westbrook, President of the Board

ITEM 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public were received.

ITEM 3. REVIEW AND ACTION TO CANVASS VOTES CAST IN THE FEBRUARY 24, 2007, TAX ROLLBACK ELECTION

Mr. Westbrook opened the sealed envelopes containing the originals of the precinct returns and read aloud the number of votes cast for and against the proposition to roll back the Blinn College tax rate for 2006 from \$.082 to \$.0513. He stated that 1,654 votes were cast for the rollback and 1,317 against the rollback, a total of 2,971 votes. A copy of the Precinct Returns as read by Mr. Westbrook is attached and made a part of these *Minutes*. In response to a question from Dr. Boehm, Mr. Barkman reported that the Judge for the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library box had stated that 336 ballots had been distributed at that voting place but only 335 were placed in the ballot box, indicating that one voter had apparently left the polling place with the ballot.

ITEM 4. ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Voelter announced:

- a. The college has received a request from a member of the Texas Legislature for the college to agree to give up small portions of its state designated service areas in Lee and Fayette Counties to become a part of the Austin Community College service area and possibly its college district pending a proposed election for that purpose. He indicated the administration did not believe the changes in the service area boundaries would have any impact on Blinn College and saw no reason to object to the proposed change;

- b. The college will observe Spring break March 11 - 15;
- c. The women's basketball team is going to the regional tournament in Jacksonville, Texas.

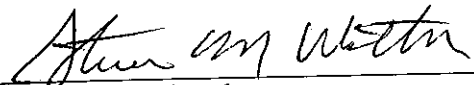
Dr. Voelter then introduced Mr. Willy Dilworth, Chief Tax Appraiser for Washington County, to make announcements about the plans and status of the tax refunds that will be made as a result of the successful tax rollback election.

Mr. Dilworth indicated that work to calculate the refunds and to print and mail them was well underway utilizing the services of a firm in San Antonio. He stated many of the refunds would be smaller than some might have anticipated, noting that 8,561 of the district's 31,496 accounts would receive less than \$1.00 and that those refunds would be made only upon application by the taxpayer. He stated that refund checks not cashed within three years must be turned over to the state but that it is unclear at this point what the disposition would be of the unclaimed refunds. He indicated that he anticipates the refund checks will be mailed in about two weeks at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Dr. Voelter noted that Mr. Dilworth and his staff had been very helpful in the planning process for the rollback election and tax refund.

ITEM 5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Kenjura, seconded by Dr. Boehm, the Board voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



Steve M. Westbrook
President



Norwood Lange
Secretary