

REGION TWO SCHOOL OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING

September 13, 2022

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Declaration of Quorum:** Yes – 9 members present.
3. **Acceptance of the Minutes:** It was moved by Laura Farnsworth and seconded by Stephen Porter to accept the minutes from August 16, 2022. The vote was unanimous.
4. **Adjustments to the agenda:** Table item 9. It was moved by Mark Ganzel and seconded by David Wells to accept the adjustment to the agenda. The vote was unanimous.
5. **Public Comment:** David Libby a former forestry instructor at Region Two addressed the board regarding the sale of the 1969 John Deere 440 skidder. Mr. Libby worked at Region Two for 29 years and shared the history of the skidder and how it was acquired. When he started as an instructor at R2 the forestry skidder was not in working condition. After some work he was able to get it operable. That skidder enabled the Mr. Libby to create a learning/business like environment for the forestry students. The revenue generated from harvesting local woodlots and selling the stumpage allowed the program to purchase the 1969 skidder from Nortrax. The purchase price was \$60,000.00. Nortrax discounted the price \$20,000.00 and the stumpage revenue paid the remaining \$40,000.00. Mr. Libby pointed out that no tax dollars were used to purchase the 1969 JD skidder. Mr. Libby has asked that the Region Two School Cooperative board consider donating the skidder to the Patten Lumberman's Museum instead for selling it for parts. The museum does not have a skidder from this era or with the history this unit does. After much discussion Scott White suggested that the board keep ownership of the skidder but allow the Lumberman's museum to display the unit for an indefinite time.
6. **Director Report:**
 - a. MELMAC – Region Two Melmac team continues to work with the coach. The remaining funds will be used to promote further education/career options for CTE students.
 - b. RFA #1 & RFA # 2 – We have been awarded \$600,000.00 for equipment purchases through RFA #1 federal grant. The funds will be used to forestry simulators and a forwarder, EMT equipment, phlebotomy practice arms and an Electrical Ed Tech. RFA # 2 is the infrastructure phase of this grant – Region Two

is working with Honeywell to generate the needs of our facility to replace air handling system and other energy efficiency needs. If board members would like the list of improvements Mrs. London can provide it.

- c. 3 Bird St Land update – At the August meeting Mrs. London shared a letter from Jessica Currier. She is an attorney at Currier, Trask and Jordan. There is concern by the owners of 3 Bird St. that a transfer of property may have been done incorrectly. The board requested that Region Two seek legal counsel regarding the matter. It is the advice of Drummond, Woodsum and MacMahon to not agree to any changes until a survey is completed. Board members feel that it should be the responsibility of the owners of 3 Bird to obtain the survey or that the cost be divided between the owners, Region Two and RSU # 29.

- 7. **Snow Removal Bids:** Bid 1 -J McLaughlin Construction bid of \$6,900.00

Bid 2- Brown Construction, Inc. bid of \$6,521.00

Board members asked for the complete description of work listed on both bids. They also asked to review the wording of the advertisement seeking bids. Members noted that J McLaughlin’s bid included straight salt for ice control vs. Brown Constructions use of sand. It was motioned by Mark Ganzel and seconded by Scott White to accept a two-year snow removal contract with J Mclaughlins Construction, LLC. The vote was 8 yes and 1 abstain.

- 8. **Skidder Bid:** Bid 1 – Dennis Bartman \$5,102.00

Bid 2 - Clifford Duff \$6,400.00

Bid 3 - Dennis Burpee\$8,157.00

It was moved by Stephen Porter to table bid award until further information was gathered and seconded by Sue McLaughlin. The vote was unanimous.

- 9. **New Hire:** Tabled

- 10. **College and Career fair:** There are currently 50 vendors participating in this year fair. The fair will be held September 30th at the armory.

- 11. **Adjournment** – It was moved by Sue McLaughlin and seconded by Stephen Porter to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

- 12. **Next Meeting** – November 15, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Laura Farnsworth	RSU # 50
Clarissa Porter	RSU # 70
Stephen Porter	RSU # 50
Marilyn Burton	RSU # 50
Ellen Askren	RSU # 29
Sue McLaughlin	RSU # 29
Scott White	RSU # 29
David Wells	RSU # 70
Mark Ganzel	RSU # 70
Ammie London	Region Two
Janice Good	Region Two
Joe Schneider	Region Two