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**Turtle Mountain Community College
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
March 15, 2010
5:00 p.m.**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Board of Trustees Present: James Lindgren, Yvonne St. Claire, David Brien, Janice Azure, Troy DeCoteau, Alicia Lunday, Donna Azure.

Board of Trustees Absent: Theresa Rivard, John Frederick, Dwight Trottier.

Board of Directors Present: Barbara Poitra, Dr. Leigh Jeanotte (conference call).

Board of Directors Absent: Ron Peltier, Robert Lattergrass.

TMCC Employees: Jaclyn De Los Santos, Dr. Jim Davis, Dennis Bercier

Chairman Lindgren called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

Chairman Lindgren asked for the approval of the agenda. It was requested to add: approval of Board Minutes. Yvonne St. Claire made this motion, seconded by Alicia Lunday. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jaclyn De Los Santos performed Roll Call.

2.1.1 HLC Letter

A lot of time and effort has been put into the letter to the HLC. The draft that has been presented (see Appendix A) is the latest draft as of this afternoon. This should be finalized by March 18, 2010.

The Tribal Council has rescinded both Tribal Resolutions which were created. Some issues in the resolution may have been causing problems with the HLC.

The current Board of Directors By-laws has a typo, which has possibly caused a number of the problems which we have had. The by-laws need to be updated and corrected. Possibly state in there that employee's cannot serve on the Board of Directors or Trustees. Discussion held. We need to have both boards work together to enter into a contract with the President and to correct by-laws issues. Correct the problem and move forward.

Jim Lindgren recommends restoring the previous Board of Trustees and Directors by-laws and start over with corrections and updates. Dr. Davis went through both by-laws and a number of issues need to be addressed. Discussion held.

45 The draft letter has improved a lot and has addressed the issues from the HLC. The board members are
46 concerned about providing the minutes from the past year of meetings. It doesn't seem that these were
47 requested from the HLC. Discussion held.

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49 Dr. Davis' strategic plan stated that we will that the issues resolved by June 18th, 2010. This gives 14
50 weeks to resolve any issues that remain.

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52 6:08 we include Tom Disselhorst in on conference call. There is a concern about including minutes.
53 Discussion held. It states in the letter from HLC to provide evidence of what has occurred. Tom
54 Disselhorst feels that the minutes from the past year would be the only evidence to provide to the HLC.
55 Possibly re-word the paragraph that states we will be sending the minutes.

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57 It is Tom's opinion that rescinding the resolutions was beneficial to the college, not negative. The
58 Board of Trustees needs to include in the policy that an employee of TMCC shall not serve on the Board
59 of Directors. The Tribal Council would need to create a resolution that states an employee of the college
60 shall not serve on the Board of Trustees. Need to take care of roles and responsibilities. The HLC
61 wants to see that the issues are being resolved.

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63 It states in the current by-laws that the Board of Trustees are to review them annually. This is a good
64 opportunity to have them reviewed and updated. Discussion held.

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66 6:20 p.m. conference call with Tom Disselhorst ends.

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68 We should be sure to inform the HLC of the mistakes in the by-laws.
69 This letter will be sent on Friday to the HLC-Overnight mail.


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71 Dr. Davis informed the Board members that on April 10-13, 2010 the HLC is having their annual
72 meeting. He would like some board members to attend also. Dr. Leigh Jeanotte and Alicia Lunday will
73 attend with Dr. Davis.

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75 **2.1.2 Approval of Minutes**


76 Chairman Lindgren asked for the approval of the November 23, 2009 and the November 24, 2009
77 minutes. No corrections are necessary. Yvonne St. Claire made this motion, seconded by Janice Azure.
78 All were in favor. Motion carried. The Minutes from November 19, 2009 and February 16, 2010 are
79 meeting notes, not minutes, so they do not need approval.

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82 **3.0 Adjournment**

83 Chairman Lindgren asked for the motion to adjourn. Yvonne St. Claire made this motion, seconded by
84 Troy DeCoteau. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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89 James Lindgren, Chairman



Jaelyn De Los Santos, Board Secretary