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**Turtle Mountain Community College  
Special Board of Directors Meeting  
March 25, 2011  
4:00 p.m.**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Board of Directors Present:** Dr. Leigh Jeanotte, Barbara Poitra, Duane Poitra, Carla Peltier.

**Board of Directors absent:** Robert Lattergrass.

**Board of Trustees Present:** Brittany Belgarde, Dwight Trottier, Theresa Rivard,

**Board of Trustees absent:** Zelma Peltier, David Brien, Elmer Davis, Jr., Caitlin Morin, John Frederick,  
Yvonne St. Claire, James Lindgren.

**TMCC Employees:** Jackie De Los Santos, Tracy Azure, Dr. Jim Davis, Zane Zaste, Jessica Lenoir,  
Sandi LaRocque, Donna Thomas, Dr. Bill Gourneau.

**Others Present:** Joey Eltobgi, Levi Baker, Lyle Poitra, Denise Keplin, Darrell Charrette, Phyllis Jollie,  
Jim Baker.

**I. Call to order:** Chairperson Poitra called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

**II. Opening Prayer:** Performed by Denise Keplin.

**III. Roll call:** Performed by Jackie De Los Santos.

**IV. Approval of Agenda:** Chairperson Poitra asked for the motion to approve the agenda. Duane Poitra made this motion, seconded by Dr. Leigh Jeanotte. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**V. Introductions:** Each individual introduced themselves.

**VI. PowerPoint Presentation by Joey Eltobgi:** Please see Appendix A. P2P is presenting on a proposed incubator project. This project is proposed to be built from at the Vocational Rehabilitation building to the Food Pantry, which includes three buildings. Joey Eltobgi presented his PowerPoint.

Sandi LaRocque and Jim Baker entered at 4:15 p.m.

Donna Thomas entered at 4:16 p.m.

Carla Peltier entered at 4:20 p.m.

Discussion held during the presentation. The first phase of the project is expected to take about 5 years to complete.

45 Dr. Bill Gourneau entered at 4:34 p.m.

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47 **VII. Questions and Answers:**

48 **a. How this applies to the presentation and discussion:**

49 P2P is proposing to leave the building that they are currently utilizing and house the GED  
50 program, Vocational Rehab program, and Dave Garcia's program in that location currently  
51 owned by TMCC.

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53 The buildings would be 501C(3), which would be non-profit buildings.

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55 The TMCC Board of Directors and the Pathways to Prosperity Board need to come to an  
56 agreement to go forward with the project. Dr. Leigh Jeanotte feels that the College should be  
57 involved in the incubator project.

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59 Darrell Charrette exited at 5:44 p.m.

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61 The next step would be to have memorandum of agreements created with all parties to be  
62 involved.

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64 Lengthy discussions were held in reference to the proposed project. The TMCC Board members  
65 would like to be sure this isn't going to be a high expense to the College.

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67 **Duane Poitra made the motion that the College become a partner in the planning process**  
68 **and no financial or property commitments are to be made until established with the**  
69 **planning committee. Dr. Leigh Jeanotte seconded this motion. Discussion held.**  
70 **Chairperson Poitra asked that a TMCC Board member and a staff member be on the**  
71 **planning committee. Duane Poitra requests that a person who is housed in the south**  
72 **campus be on the planning committee. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

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74 Jim Baker and Lyle Poitra exited at 5:56 p.m.

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76 **b. Entrepreneurship programs:**

77 This item was discussed in the presentation.

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79 **VIII. TMCC Buildings/Facilities in reference to proposed ideas:**

80 **IX. Summary and next steps:** This item was discussed in the previous discussion.

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82 **X. Adjournment:** Chairperson Poitra asked for the motion to adjourn. Duane Poitra made  
83 the motion, seconded by Carla Peltier. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting  
84 adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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90 **Barbara Poitra, Chairperson**



**Jaclyn De Los Santos, Board Secretary**