

**KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
June 4, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roy Spangler called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: MaryAnn Ferrigan, Roy Spangler, Deborah Van Wert, Deny Weiss, Roberta Werle

Members Absent: Richard Silverman, Patricia Webb

Others Present: Joann Comerford, David Dougherty, Sandy Hull, Dennis Mansfield, Tom Quinn, Ilene Scherer, Tim Scherer, Glenn Wilson

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Spangler welcomed everyone present and asked for introductions from the guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Spangler announced that Kathy Koch was in the hospital and in critical condition. He asked that everyone keep her and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION M-33 ACCESS

Tom Quinn gave an update that Kirtland has 2,300 registered students, and 1,997 of them are taking on-line classes. A lot of our students are on dial up, and with dial up they are limited with their services and get bumped off or dropped while in the middle of taking exams, etc. Kirtland Community College will not survive without a good internet service.

Tim Scherer introduced Glenn Wilson, the President and CEO of M-33 Access. Glenn explained we could hook into fiber optic lines, and bring T-1 lines to the Northeast rural Michigan area. Verizon has stated they will not bring their internet services any further north than Midland. To do this M-33 Access will need to build out from the central phone offices in several communities. Glenn explained that commercial T-1 lines *is are* expensive, but his company could make it affordable. He also explained that people in the area need T-1 lines for their businesses and job sites, so there is a demand for this service. Glenn stated there is some stimulus money and grant money available. He has proposed that Kirtland pre-pay their service fees up front to give M-33 Access some additional capital so they could move forward and request the grant money.

Trustee Roberta Werle made a motion to create a resolution to support M-33 Access's grant application to the USDA to bring fiber optic lines from Midland to the NE rural Michigan area. The motion was supported by Trustee MaryAnn ~~Frick~~ *Ferrigan*.

Vote: Ayes, five Nays, zero Abstain, zero Absent two

The motion was declared approved.

Trustee Denis ~~Weise~~ *Weiss* made a motion to bring one or more proposals to the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees ~~for~~ *and also to* pre-pay fees to M-33 Access in exchange

for services provided to Kirtland Community College from M-33 Access . Kirtland Community College will meet with our auditors and legal counsel to bring the best proposal forward. The motion was supported by Trustee MaryAnn ~~Frick~~ *Ferrigan*.

Vote: Ayes, five Nays, zero Abstain, zero Absent two

The motion was declared approved.

PRESENTATION

Tom Quinn asked the board members if they thought the college should move forward with the Michigan Artisan Center to help economic development. The board members would like to see his presentation on the Michigan Artisan Center at the next board meeting, June 18, 2009.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was declared adjourned at 12:44 p.m. by Trustee Roberta Werle.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Hull