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**HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Heartland Community College
1500 W. Raab Rd., Normal, IL 61761
March 28, 2024
4:30 PM**

MINUTES

Members Present: Becky Ropp, Janet Hood, Mary Campbell, Josh Crockett, Andria Merkle

Members Absent: Jeff Flessner, Tom Whitt, Cecelia Campbell

Others Present: Keith Cornille, Nora Dukowitz, Noah Lamb, Liz Harms, Steve Riesenberg, Steve Fast, Janik Mateusz (Pantagraph), Adam Pemberton

Chair Becky Ropp called the regular portion of the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

SPECIAL MEETING

President Keith Cornille introduced the walkway bridge clearance project and gave a brief overview of the recent collision incidents. Many of the drivers involved have indicated they were complying with GPS directions that instruct them to turn around using Community College Dr., that is marked with signage as "no semi traffic." This special meeting was called so bids could be approved by the Board and construction on/near the bridges to provide additional clearance underneath them could begin as soon as possible. Until that work is complete, Community College Dr. is closed.

Mr. Noah Black introduced the Public Safety/Risk Management team to give a presentation. Ms. Liz Harms gave an overview of the collision incidents and related insurance settlements/pending settlements. Mr. Steve Riesenberg reviewed each incident individually as well as the efforts the College has made to prevent future strikes after each incident. It should be noted that after each strike, the bridge was inspected for structural integrity.

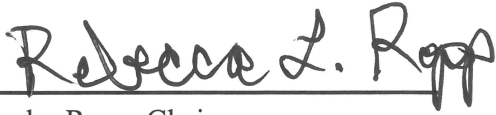
Questions from the Board and discussion ensued.

Trustee Mary Campbell made a motion to approve the walkway bridge clearance project, which was seconded by Trustee Josh Crockett. The motion passed unanimously.

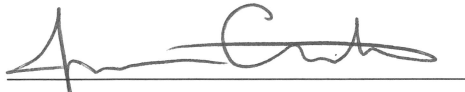
Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to approve the walkway bridge clearance project bids, which was seconded by Trustee Andrea Merkle. The motion passed unanimously. The approved bidder was GIVSCO Construction Company.

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Trustee Andria Merkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Trustee Josh Crockett. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

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Becky Ropp, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Josh Crockett", written over a horizontal line.

Josh Crockett, Secretary