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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Community Commons Building Room 2012
1500 W. Raab Road, Normal IL
July 21, 2025, 5:00 pm**

MINUTES

Members Present: Becky Ropp, Janet Hood, Josh Crockett, Mary Campbell, Aemun Lopeyok, Tom Whitt

Members Absent: Laurie Bergner

Others Present: Keith Cornille, Kaitlyn Cope, John Bishop, Steve Fast, Mateuz Janik (Pantagraph), Noah Lamb

Chair Becky Ropp called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 pm.

Trustee Thomas Whitt made a motion to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Trustee Janet Hood. The motion passed unanimously.

President Cornille provided the President's report, discussing the ICCB reaffirmation/recognition process and today's visit. He then turned it over to Mr. Noah Lamb, who presented on the Solar Array Project and timeline. Questions and discussion ensued, focusing on the availability of credits through specific bidders, their relative bids, the ILCCA regulations on lowest bidder vs. lowest net cost ("combined bid"), and maintenance contingencies/plans. The wind turbine provides 60% of our electricity and phase 1 of this project would bring us to 86%. Phase 2 will be over 100% electricity provision, allowing Heartland to sell the excess.

Consent Agenda

Trustee Josh Crockett made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Thomas Whitt. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-Personnel Action Items

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to approve the Solar Array Field Phase I Project as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Janet Hood. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to approve the Solar Array Field Phase I Project Bids as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Josh Crockett. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel Action Items

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Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to approve the Monthly Personnel Actions as presented, which was seconded by Trustee Janet Hood. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Josh Crockett made a motion to go into Closed Session at approximately 5:27 pm, which was seconded by Trustee Janet Hood, citing Selection of Person to Fill a Public Office: Section 2(c)(3) of 5 ILCS 120. The motion passed unanimously.


Trustee Janet Hood made a motion to end Closed Session, which was seconded by Trustee Josh Crockett. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Tom Whitt made a motion to return to Open Session, which was seconded by Trustee Josh Crockett. The motion passed unanimously and the Board returned to Open Session.

Adjournment

Having no further business, Trustee Thomas Whitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Janet Hood seconded the motion, which passed unopposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 pm.


Becky Ropp, Chair


Josh Crockett, Secretary