

**Lake Land College  
Board of Trustees  
District No. 517**



Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiencies Meeting  
Board and Administration Center, Room 011  
Mattoon, IL  
June 8, 2023

**Minutes**

**Call to Order.**

Chair Cadwell called the meeting of the Lake Land College Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiencies to order at 8:00 a.m. in room 011 of the Board & Administration Center, Mattoon, IL.

**Roll Call of Committee Members.**

**Members Physically Present:**

- Trustees Mr. Gary Cadwell, Chair; Mr. Kevin Curtis; Ms. Doris Reynolds; Mr. Dave Storm, Secretary; Mr. Mike Sullivan; Mr. Thomas Wright, Vice-Chair and Student Trustee Ms. Jacqueline Schertz
- Dr. Jonathan Bullock, President
- Dr. Valerie Lynch, Vice President for Student Services and District Resident
- Mr. Greg Nuxoll, Vice President for Business Services and District Resident

**Members Absent:** Trustee Ms. Denise Walk.

**Other Members Participating via Telephonic or Electronic Means:** None.

**Others Present:** Ms. Jean Anne Highland, Chief of Staff; Mr. Scott Rawlings, Director of Physical Plant, Mr. Gordon Schweitzer, Performance Contracting Engineer at Control Technology and Solutions Group (CTS Group) – a Veregy company and Mr. Dave Ortman, Project Manager with the CTS Group.

**Hearing of Citizens, Faculty, and Staff.**

There were no public comments.

## **Non-Action Items.**

### **Energy Savings Annual Report from CTS.**

In follow-up to the May 17, 2023 Decennial Committee meeting, Trustees heard an updated presentation from Mr. Gordon Schweitzer, Performance Contracting Engineer at Control Technology and Solutions Group (CTS Group) – a Veregy company, and Mr. Dave Ortman, Project Manager with CTS. Trustees reviewed their *Annual Infrastructure and Energy Assessment Report* that provided additional details on the College's solar power installations, geothermal expansion, back up-generator installation, and improvements to the HVAC and healthy building design through the installation of air quality control and air quality sensors. Their report also included detailed energy savings statistics for the College since 2009, against the comparison baseline year 2008. The energy savings data reviewed was broken down by building project and energy types for natural gas and electrical consumption. Trustees learned the combined natural gas savings through FY 2022 was \$824,298 and the combined electric savings through FY 2022 was \$1,067,590.

Mr. Greg Nuxoll, Vice President for Business Services, asked what the College should do in the near term to ensure the continued success of our energy savings initiatives. Mr. Ortman and Mr. Schweitzer provided feedback on areas to consider including potential geothermal upgrades, replacing the chillers in the Luther Student Center, pursuing any needed repairs to the Multi-stack unit in the West Building, and replacing any aging equipment with more modern equipment which often provides more energy efficiency. Mr. Ortman noted how the main campus predominantly uses electricity so maintenance and optimal use of the geothermal system is very important. Mr. Schweitzer once again noted how the College has been a leader in the region for pursuing energy efficiency initiatives and that other businesses or organizations in the region have asked to model some of our energy savings strategies.

Trustees also learned of the various federal, state and local energy supplier incentives (e.g. tax credits or project reduction costs) if the College were to pursue additional energy savings projects. Mr. Schweitzer said he would share some suggestions for potential future projects later in the agenda when the Committee will discuss possible future initiatives to advance energy efficiencies.

Chair Cadwell said it was important for the Board to continue to be good stewards of taxpayer funds while also showing commitment to our environment, energy sustainability efforts and providing learning opportunities for our students on this issue.

### **Updated Campus Facilities Master Plan.**

Trustees heard a presentation from President Bullock on a significantly updated 10-year Facilities Master Plan. Dr. Bullock said this has been prepared following the administration's extensive consultation with Bailey Edward, the College's architect of record. Trustees learned Bailey Edward and College leadership have also worked with numerous staff to update the Master Plan with the current status of our buildings and grounds and highlight future needs. Dr.

Bullock reminded Trustees that we submitted an initial plan in December 2022 to ICCB to meet the legally required, timely submission deadline to the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) once every five years, with their permission to re-submit our much more detailed plan in 2023. Dr. Bullock highlighted the three core components of the plan including:

1. Unified Campus;
  - Unity that makes the campus feel like a campus.
  - Way Finding; Clear, understandable directional aids
  - Vehicular and Pedestrian Circulation; safe, accessible and efficient ways.
  - Sustainable, engaging and educational landscaping which creates a safe environment for moving throughout campus.
2. Spaces and People Places; for Learning and Services, which provide;
  - Modern, technologically advanced, and appropriately equipped buildings with ample space to carry out the intended function.
  - Campus grounds designed to engage the senses and stimulate learning.
  - Locations to meet new people, talk with friends, share ideas and collaborate
3. Appropriately Maintained and Energy Efficient Facilities:
  - Facilities that are appropriately maintained, reliable, serviceable and energy efficient, with particular emphasis placed on creating a safe and accessible campus environment for students, staff and visitors.

Trustees reviewed the Facilities Master Plan that also included attachments for the College's Facility Condition Assessment Report and the Master Landscaping Plan. Dr. Bullock also highlighted a spreadsheet detailing the 10-year plan by fiscal year, project, project type, projected cost and anticipated funding source (e.g. grants, PHS funds, CDB, and fund balance), with a total projected cost of \$113 million in today's dollar value. Dr. Bullock and Mr. Greg Nuxoll, Vice President for Business Services, stressed this plan was subject to change if conditions or the College's fiscal situation should change. Dr. Bullock highlighted the anticipated remaining fund balance of \$24.5 million following the conclusion of the 10-year plan and the expenses for the various anticipated projects.

Dr. Bullock asked if there were any questions or suggested changes to the Facilities Master Plan. There were none. Dr. Bullock said the administration will bring this to the Board of Trustees for approval and submission to ICCB during the June 12, 2023 regular Board meeting.

### **Future Initiatives to Advance Energy Efficiencies.**

CTS Group representatives Mr. Schweitzer and Mr. Ortman resumed their presentation (as noted above) and highlighted three ideas for future energy efficiency projects including:

- Refurbish the roof and install a solar photovoltaic system on the Northwest Building roof.
- Pursue various energy efficiency upgrades to the Kluthe Building in Effingham (e.g. address outdated HVAC system, upgrade the controls system, and install an LED lighting upgrade).

- Refurbish the roof and install a solar photovoltaic system on the West Building roof.

Mr. Schweitzer highlighted the benefits of refurbishing outdated roofs by simply covering them with a white material instead of removing the old roof and losing the existing insulation. They also highlighted the warranty associated with the refurbished roof system.

Chair Cadwell asked about the energy savings status of the College's most recently acquired building – the Patterson Technology Center of Effingham, which is now called the Effingham Technology Center. Dr. Bullock said this is already a very energy efficient building as it has been certified as a LEED-Silver facility.

Committee members agreed to meet again on August 10, 2023 to further discuss the above suggestions and/or other possible future energy savings initiatives, how to research or conduct a cost analysis of the benefits for the various projects, and how the College might optimally proceed in pursuing additional energy sustainability initiatives.

Chair Cadwell concluded the energy savings discussion by complimenting the administration for its significant efforts over numerous years to maximize energy efficiencies. He asked what the administration is doing to share the College's various innovative projects to help other units of local government or other K-12 school districts as this is in the spirit of the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiencies Act. Ms. Jean Anne Highland, Chief of Staff, said the Cabinet hosts each October a meeting with the K-12 superintendents from the College's district. She said this year's meeting could feature the College's energy savings initiatives and results to date. Mr. Schweitzer said he could attend to present to the attendees. Chair Cadwell suggested the administration might also consider prominently posting information about the College's energy efficiency efforts on its website.

### **Adjournment.**

Trustee Curtis moved and Trustee Sullivan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m.  
**Motion carried by unanimous voice vote approval.**

Approved by:

**/s/Gary Cadwell**  
Board Chair

**/s/Dave Storm**  
Board Secretary

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