

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 8, 2013**

REGENTS PRESENT: Mr. Don L. Nicholson , Chair; Dr. Paul L. Proffer, Vice Chair; Ms. Mary Jane Nelson, Secretary; Mr. Carroll M. Forrester; Ms. Michele Fortunato; and Dr. Gene Norman

REGENTS ABSENT: Mr. John D. Hicks, Mr. Johnny E. Mize, and Dr. David C. Woodburn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Terry Berg, Vice President of Business Affairs; Mr. Lee M. Colaw, Chief Information Officer; Mrs. Ellen Robertson Green, Chief of Communication and Marketing; Dr. Paul Matney, President; and Ms. Danita McAnally, Chief of Planning and Advancement

Mrs. Carol Bevel – representing Classified Employees Council
Mrs. Juana Ree Forrester – spouse of Regent Forrester
Mrs. Jeanette Nelson – Budget Manager, Business Office
Mr. Greg Rohloff – representing *Amarillo Independent*
Mrs. Brenda Sadler – Exec. Asst., Pres’s Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nicholson, Chairman. Dr. Proffer gave the invocation.

Mr. Berg related the changes in revenue and expenses since the June budget workshop. Total projected revenues increased from \$57,683,344 to \$59,403,441. Some new expenditures include 2.5% raises plus increase in fringe - \$1.2 million; reduction in ORP contribution from Comptroller’s Office - \$275,000, etc. for a \$2.8 million increase.

TAX RATE PROPOSAL INCREASE FOR 2013 APPROVED:

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.04 of the Texas Property Tax Code, the Randall County Tax Assessor/Collector will publish a legal notice on August 8, 2013, stating that the effective tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2013 is \$0.19633 per \$100 of assessed value. The rollback rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2013 published in the legal notice is \$0.20466 per \$100 of assessed value.

Section 26.05 of the Property Tax Code requires a taxing unit to hold two public hearings on a tax rate if the recommended tax rate for the year exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate. The recommended tax rate is \$0.19950.

Dr. Proffer read the following motion: “I move that property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.19950, which is effectively a 1.61% increase to the tax rate.” Ms. Nelson seconded the motion to approve the 2013 tax rate increase. The motion carried unanimously.

TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2013 AND DATE SET TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2013:

Ms. Nelson made the following motion: “I move that we set the dates for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for August 16 and August 19, 2013 at 12:00 noon in the Palo Duro Room on

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TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2013 AND DATE SET TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2013 Continued:

the Washington Street Campus.” Ms. Fortunato seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nelson made the following motion: “I move that we set the date to adopt the 2013 tax rate for August 27, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus.” Ms. Fortunato seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Jane Nelson, Secretary