Minutes of Special Meeting  
May 20, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Butte-Glenn Community College District met in special session on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 11:00 AM, in the Board Room at Butte College in Oroville, California.

**Board Members Present**  
Mr. Fred R. Perez, President  
Mr. Rick Krepelka, Vice President  
Mr. Eugene Massa, Clerk (Arrived at 11:35am)  
Mr. Michael Boeger  
Mr. Louis Cecchi  
Mr. William McGinnis  
Mr. Thomas McLaughlin  
Mr. Andrew Napier, Student Trustee

**Staff Members Present**  
Dr. Kimberly Perry, Superintendent/President  
Mr. Allen Renville, Vice President  
Mr. Les Jauron, Vice President  
Mr. Andy Suleski, Vice President  
Dr. Samia Yaqub, Vice President

**Guest Present**  
Ms. Lisa Husar, Student Trustee-Elect

Board President Perez led the pledge of allegiance.

1. **Agenda Approval**  
   It was moved by Trustee Boeger, seconded by Trustee Cecchi, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Student Trustee – aye. Trustee Massa was not present for the vote.

2. **Communications from the Public**  
   There were no public comments.

3. **Study Session – Institutional Effectiveness Initiative Framework and Goals**  
   Dr. Perry introduced VP Les Jauron to present information about the Institutional Effectiveness Initiative Framework and Goals. Vice President Jauron presented information to the Board and discussed the framework of indicators for the initiative. Vice President Jauron outlined the District’s standards and goals relative to course success, accreditation, fiscal viability, and programmatic compliance.

4. **Study Session – Water Conservation Planning**  
   Dr. Perry introduced Vice President Suleski to discuss water conservation planning. Vice President Suleski reported that the Governor issued a state of emergency about water
conservation and last month issued an executive order about reducing water consumption by 25 percent over 2013 data. The District needs to reduce our water consumption by 18 million gallons to be in compliance. Only about eight million gallons are used in our buildings and about 40 million gallons are used on turf lawns. Other water usage includes our academic programs and any possible leaks on campus. One item that is on the augmentation list is installation of water meters all around the campus to better account for water consumption.

Vice President Suleski stated that the District has about 33 acres of turf lawn and we are looking at reducing irrigation to have about 15 acres not being watered on campus. Long-term we need to look at alternatives in those areas and we need to identify what those areas would be.

Trustee Cecchi asked if staff has considered irrigating all areas less and not eliminating irrigation all together in certain areas. Vice President Suleski stated that we have done that quite a bit already and we need to do something bigger than that if we are going to reach the 25%.

Andy identified some of the areas in consideration for reduced watering and showed images of each area’s location. The District would also ensure that there is signage in the areas to explain why they are turning brown.

Dr. Perry stated that she wanted to inform the Board about the reduced watering plan before we start doing anything because they may get questions from people in the community about why Butte College is allowing grass to die. This will allow Board members to express the District’s water conservation methods.

Trustee McGinnis asked about the possibility of planting more native plants that require less or even no water. Vice President Suleski stated that we have already started doing this in certain areas and have talked about possibilities for the areas that we do stop watering. Dr. Perry stated that much of the new shrubbery on campus is low-water use and new plans moving forward are going in that direction as well.

Trustee Perez asked about how academic programs will be affected. Vice President Suleski stated that he has spoken with some of the academic programs and they are working on a plan to reduce water consumption as well.

Student Trustee Napier voiced concern about reducing water under the solar panels as this is one of the only outdoor study spaces for students. It would be nice if we could hardscape that area or continue watering that area because it is important to the students.

Trustee McGinnis discussed Crescent City recycling water waste and the water quality issues that resulted at their city park. Vice President Suleski stated that there is a hefty cost associated with using reclaimed water to irrigate lawns.

Trustee McGinnis stated that the Governor has proposed money for this year’s budget to deal with issues like these, and asked if there will be funds available in the upcoming budget that we can access for this. Vice President Suleski stated that the Governor is proposing a lot of one-time money in the budget with some additional scheduled maintenance funding. There are conversations taking place at the state level about water conservation funding within scheduled maintenance funds.
Trustee Cecchi asked about the District’s expertise in looking at water conservation. Some areas, including Rocklin are seeing an offset in water costs due to using reclaimed water for their low-water landscaping. Vice President Suleski stated that we do not see an offset in cost because we do not pay for water and our solar offsets the electricity needed to pump the water.

Trustee McGinnis stated that we need to look at possible long-term changes that may be needed for the campus. We should not get into spending and re-spending habits. We need to determine what the campus should look like and reduce water consumption going forward on a permanent basis.

Trustee Massa stated that weather patterns are changing in the state. We are moving from heart-of-the-winter type rains and are going to get more rain and less snow than before. When an area is dried up on campus, we need to make sure we are looking into erosion control. Long-term, it will be difficult to tell when we will get rain and how much rain we will get. There are state programs out there that offer matching grant funds for conservation efforts and we should look into those.

Trustee McGinnis stated that the campus should also be aware of wildlife moving down closer to campus as the refuge area dries up. Dr. Perry stated that we may want to reeducate the campus about rattlesnakes because they will likely be more prevalent as mice move toward the campus as well.

Dr. Perry commented about the expertise of our campus relative to water conservation by discussing the collaboration on the BWELL project, which demonstrates that we have innovative faculty working with facilities and our MESA students. We may find that we have some very innovative student projects that can address these areas.

Trustee Krepelka stated that community members are in conservation mode as well and we should really not maintaining green lawns on campus.

5. **Adjournment**

Board President Perez adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.