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**Turtle Mountain Community College
Special Board of Directors Meeting
September 3, 2009
5:00 p.m.**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

9 **Board of Directors Present:** Lance Azure, John Trottier, Emil LaRocque, Ron Peltier,
10 Barbara Poitra.

12 **Board of Trustees Present:** Theresa Rivard, Yvonne St. Claire, Dwight Trottier, John
13 Frederick, Janice Azure, Troy DeCoteau

15 **Board of Trustees Absent:** James Lindgren, David Brien

17 **TMCC Employees:** Jackie Stein, Larry Henry, Dennis Bercier, Wannetta Bennett

19 Meeting came to order at 5:15 p.m.

21 Chairman Azure asked for the approval of the agenda with the addition of 2.2 Resolution
22 by Wannetta Bennett. The agenda was approved.

24 **2.2 Resolution by Wannetta Bennett**

25 We sent in an application for \$300,000 for an additional parking lot. We were granted
26 \$220,000. We have a 5% investment and we need a resolution passed to enter into an
27 agreement. Discussion held. We are attempting to keep the project at \$235,000. The
28 paper work needs to be in the office by September 15, 2009 in order to get the funding.
29 We are looking at placing the parking lot on the NW backside of the college or by the
30 CTE Building.

32 Update: We received a letter for the Bus project and it was approved.

34 Update: With the Trading Post money, the post needs to be leased out to an outside
35 entity. This wasn't the original intention. We previously applied for \$150,000 and
36 recently applied for an additional \$200,000. We need to determine if we want to go
37 forward with the project or pull out the application. If we pull the application, we need a
38 resolution.

40 Chairman Azure asked for the motion to approve the agreement for the additional parking
41 lot that can be placed in the NW backside of the college or by the CTE Building, or in
42 both places if there is enough funding. John Trottier made this motion, seconded by Ron
43 Peltier. All were in favor.

45 Yvonne St. Claire, Janice Azure, and Troy DeCoteau enter at 5:25 p.m.

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47 We are going to table the second resolution for the USDA funding for the Trading Post
48 until we receive confirmation on the other source of funding. Discussion held.

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50 **2.1 Dr. Davis' Contract**

51 We need to determine if we are going to renew or non-renew Dr. Davis' Contract. The
52 Board of Directors would like to find out if the Tribal Council is going to meet with the
53 Board of Directors on the issue of Dr. Davis' contract. Discussion held. The Tribal
54 Council met on the issue yesterday and had a resolution drawn up. We would like to
55 make a motion, but we need to see the resolution first.

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- 57 • The Board of Directors did not officially announce the decision publicly about Dr.
58 Davis' contract, because before making the decision official, the Board of
59 Directors was stopped. If Dr. Davis was officially not re-signed, he wouldn't be
60 receiving a salary. Discussion held.

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62 Dennis Bercier requested to have on record that he is attending this meeting as a
63 concerned citizen of the community, not as an employee of the college.

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65 See Appendix A: Tribal Resolution

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67 The Board of Directors state:

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- 69 • This can jeopardize TMCC's Accreditation
- 70 • We need to contact the Higher Learning Commission and inform them of the
71 change.
- 72 • The Tribal Council stated that they contacted certain people and checked into the
73 possibility of harming the accreditation.
- 74 • Ordinance change needs to go out for a 30 day comment period.
- 75 • This is a legal corporation and this can change the organization.
- 76 • The charter states that TMCC is an autonomous college, which was originally
77 created by the Tribal Council. By having this resolution, it will not be an
78 autonomous institution.
- 79 • If the Trustees have to oversee all of the decisions as stated in the resolution, the
80 college only needs to have one board.

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81 Chairman Azure recommends that the resolution go to the colleges' attorney so that it
82 does not jeopardize the college in any way.

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84 The Board of Directors are on the board because they care about the college. The Board
85 of Trustees were put in place to protect the integrity of the Board.

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87 TMCC used to work closely with the Tribe when Carty and Carol were in charge. The
88 grants would all go to the tribe. Once Dr. Davis was placed as President, this
89 discontinued.

- 90 • More grants are available not and it is not necessary to go through the Tribal
91 Council.
92 • TMCC has been turned down from the Tribal Council to bring grants through.
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94 The Tribal Council has always been welcome to attend the meetings at the college. They
95 are a liaison for the college.
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97 Chairman Azure asked for the motion to adjourn. Ron Peltier made this motion,
98 seconded by Emil LaRocque. All were in favor.
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100 Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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Barbara Poitra, Acting Chairperson

Jaclyn Stein, Board Secretary