

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, March 22, 2019**  
**River Campus Boardroom**  
**9:00 a.m. – 11:52 a.m.**

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**Present**

**Board**

Bouvier, Myrna  
 Desjarlais, John  
 Durocher, Jackie  
 Deschambeault, Val  
 Everest, Crystal  
 Fern, Victor (Acting Chair) for part of meeting via phone  
 Robertson, Scott

**Staff**

Greschner, Toby (CEO)  
 Kyplain, Jennifer (recorder)  
 Penney, Guy  
 Young, Shelley

**Regrets:**

Chrispen, Cherise  
 Watt, Hugh

1. **CALL TO ORDER @ 9:11 AM**
2. **OPENING PRAYER – V. Fern**
3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**  
*Additions: 6. In-camera*  
*7. Cican*

03-22-2347	<b>MOTION</b>	Moved by . . . , seconded by . . . to approve the agenda as amended.  <div style="text-align: right;">. . ./carried</div>
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4. **MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the February 15, 2019 board meeting

03-22-2348	<b>MOTION</b>	Moved by . . . , seconded by . . . . to approve the minutes as presented.  <div style="text-align: right;">. . ./carried</div>
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5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES - none**

6. **IN-CAMERA**

03-22-2349	<b>MOTION</b>	Moved by . . . . , seconded by . . . . to go in-camera at 10:20 AM.  <div style="text-align: right;">. . ./carried</div>
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03-22-2350	<b>MOTION</b>	Moved by . . . . , seconded by . . . . to go out of in-camera at 11:05 AM.  <div style="text-align: right;">. . ./carried</div>
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7. **CICAN**

- As per handout – cost breakdown

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- This year’s conference will be held in Niagara Falls, Ontario on May 6, 7 & 8, 2019. The Board discussed and determined appropriate Staff and Board attendance. J. Kyplain to make all travel arrangements.

**8. REPORTS**

8.1 VP, Academics

- As per handout and verbal report.

8.2 VP, Student Affairs

- As per handout and verbal report.

8.3 VP, Finance and Operations (handout & in-person)

- Facilities/Capital Planning
  - Mine School Mechanical Tender has been completed, the number of interested bidders was interesting, most tenders were good quality and the companies had a lot of experience. An evaluation tool was used to keep it fair and thorough. Loch brothers was successful.
- Information Technology
  - As per handout.
- Human Resources
  - As per handout.

03-22-2349	<b>MOTION</b>	Moved by . . . . , seconded by . . . . to approve the reports as presented.  .../carried
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**9. BUDGET AND FINANCE**

- As per handout and verbal report

03-22-2350	<b>MOTION</b>	Moved by . . . . , seconded by . . . . to approve the budget and Finance report as presented.  .../carried
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**10. CHAIR**

- As per verbal report.

03-22-2351	<b>MOTION</b>	Moved by . . . . , seconded by . . . . to approve the verbal report as presented.  .../carried
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**11. CEO**

- Budget letter presented and discussed.
- \$165,000 was cut from Administration.
- We will be working on a Business Plan based on our budget.
- The dire need for Student Housing, was discussed, Irving/McKay apartments could be available as GDI stated that they were not interested in these apartments.

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- J. Durocher, Vice Chair, G. Penney and myself met in Regina with Minister Beaudry –Mellor, Mark McLoughlin, Deputy Minister and Tammy Bloor-Cavers, Assistant Deputy Minister. As well as Earl Cook and Geordy McCaffery from GDI. The meeting was called by the Minister to discuss GDI’s intention to offer a teacher education program in La Ronge. There was good discussions about northern issues. The Minister was very clear in her direction to not reverse the decision that was made by Government in March 2017 and she did not want to see a duplication of service in one community as well. Rather, she wanted institutions to work together. We also discussed the potential of offering of Master’s program.
- Athabasca Training Strategy Meeting – Randy John’s (KCDA) has been contracted by the Athabasca Communities to gather information and provide direction on the development of a training strategy for the region. I met with Randy and filled him in on our plans for the region, as well as reiterated Northlands commitment to training there. We will continue to rent the A&L building in Stony Rapids and use it as our base of operations. We have been in discussions with Glen Strong (Athabasca Labour Services) who have recently become involved in a five year contract with respect to mine site reclamation projects. There is the potential for considerable employment opportunities.

03-22-2352	MOTION	Moved by . . . . , seconded by . . . . to approve the CEO report as presented.  .../carried
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**12. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

10.1 Conexus closing of account

03-22-2353	MOTION	Moved by . . . . , seconded by . . . . to close the last remaining financial institutional account at Conexus.  .../carried
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10.2 Board Appointments

- Discussed board terms and the gaps on our current Board. Representation from the following is important. A letter to the Ministry will be drafted indicating the Board’s recommendations.
  - Lac La Ronge Indian Band Member
  - Peter Ballantyne
  - Meadow Lake Tribal Council

10.3 PNLs board representation

- Discussed and it was determined that the College will not have any representation on this Board due to demanding schedules of Board and Staff.

10.4 Former Nortep Student Funding Extension

- Request from 3 Students to continue funding them to attain their B. Arts degree.
- The Board discussed and determined this is not a possibility at this time.

10.5 APAG session with Ministry – May 10

- Discussed that the Ministry folks will be attending our next board meeting on May 10.

10.6 Capital Plan

- Working on submitting a capital plan to the Ministry. The Last major capital plan was the canoe.

**13. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

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- 13.1 Provincial Budget
  - As per handout.
- 13.2 GDI's plan for teaching program in La Ronge
  - Discussed the implications that this could cause with our own teacher program.
- 13.3 Correspondence from Ministry – Education Program
  - As per letter from the Minister dated March 14, 2019
  - Directive to Northlands College to work towards a doubling of enrollments into the program by the 2020/21 academic year.

**14. CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURN**

03-22-2354	MOTION	Moved by . . . . to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 AM . . ./carried
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