

**EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Thursday, May 6, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 2 p.m. by Board President Ann Hartley. Other Board members present for the meeting were Joseph Stroetker, Prudence Fink Johnson, Cookie Hays, Eric Park, and Audrey Freitag. Also present were College President Jon Bauer; Administrators – Vice President of External Relations Joel Doepker and Vice President of Administration and Finance DeAnna Cassat; Other Staff – Foundation Executive Director Bridgette Kelch, Communications & Marketing Director Gregg Jones, Director of Facilities Tot Pratt, Classified Staff Association President Hannah Masek, Facilities Administrative Assistant Julie Apperson, Multimedia Specialist Amanda Studdard, and Executive Assistant to the President Bonnie Gardner. Geoff Folsom of *The Missourian* was also in attendance.

*The meeting was held via Zoom due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing recommendations. The Zoom link was included on the published agenda.*

**ACCEPTANCE OF BID:** Dr. Bauer noted that the college moved to city water service several years ago and the water tower has not been in service since that time. Public entities have been approached to determine their interest in the tower and leasing the tower to broadband service providers has also been explored. There was no interest, and two options remain – paint the tower and continue to maintain it with the only value being the preservation of a landmark or demolish it. The cost of painting is over \$54,000 with a life expectancy of 15 years for the paint. The tower was erected in 1970 at a cost of just over \$15,000 and has served the college well. The additional cost of painting and maintenance cannot be justified so it is recommended the tower be demolished.

The contractor can complete the work shortly after commencement so that the project will not be disruptive to students. The project qualifies for state maintenance and repair fund reimbursement at 50%. However, work needs to be completed, invoiced, and paid by early June. In response to a question about contingencies in the contract that could increase the cost, Dr. Bauer indicated there is little potential for change orders with the only possible concern being the discovery of lead paint. It is anticipated the \$39,000 estimate will be accurate.

**Motion:** To **approve** the demolition of the water tower located on the Union campus by Maguire Iron, Inc. at a cost of \$39,000 to be reimbursed at 50% by state of Missouri maintenance and repair funds.

*Motion by Audrey Freitag; Seconded by Prudence Johnson; Carried Unanimously*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** To **adjourn** the May 6, 2021, special meeting of the Board of Trustees at 2:13 p.m.

*Motion by Eric Park; Seconded by Joseph Stroetker; Carried Unanimously*

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President, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees