

**Merced Community College District
Bond Oversight Committee Minutes
Thursday, March 14, 2019**

Members Present: Ron Pirtle (Chairperson), Billie Razzari, Chris Tomford, Jim Williamson, Cameron Cowperthwaite and Kylie Greenwood
Members Absent: Mark Schrieber and Marty Marchini
Others Present: Joe Allison, Andre Urquidez, Ron Perez, Bryan Tassej, and Sheila Flores (recording)

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairperson, Ron Pirtle.

3. **Hearing of the Public**

There was no one from the public.

4. **Approve Minutes from Thursday, October 25, 2018**
It was MSC (Tomford/Rose) to approve the minutes.

5. **Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

6. **Discussion and/or Action**

a. Approve Annual Report for period ending June 30, 2018

Sheila referred to a copy of the report, which was mailed to committee members prior to the meeting.

Sheila explained that the final report has been adjusted to reflect the Financial and Performance Audit information that was received from the auditors. Upon approval tonight, the report will be presented to the Board of Trustees and the community, which is a requirement of the Prop 39 Guidelines.

Judy Rose asked why there was an expenditure for the Vocational Complex Renovation/Expansion Project, since the project has not been started yet. Sheila responded that there are project proposals that are submitted to the Chancellor's Office on an annual basis and the expenditure went to pay for the architects/consultants help with compiling the proposals each year.

Jim Williamson pointed out an error on page 4 of the report, under Leshar Building Remodel Project where the end of the sentence cut off. Sheila will make the correction before finalizing the document.

It was MSC (Cowperthwaite/Razarri) to approve the annual Bond Oversight Report with the correction on page 4, for the period ending June 30, 2018.

b. Status of State-Funded Projects

Joe reported that we are excited that the Governor's budget did include funding for Preliminary Plans and Working Drawings for the Agriculture and Industrial Technology Complex Project. There was huge effort on several fronts to make this happen. This is the first step in order to move forward with the project. We are still not entirely out of the woods yet because there is a may revise where the project could be pulled from the list. Nevertheless, we do not anticipate that happening. We are hopeful that the project will remain in the budget and we can begin working on this project after July 1, 2019. It is anticipated that the final project phase of Construction will be included in the Governor's 2020-21 budget cycle. The District funds Equipment.

Joe added that we are developing our Five-Year Construction Plan, which is due to the Chancellor's Office on July 1, 2019. There will be no final project proposals submitted this year. We are also close to finalizing our Facilities Master Plan, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the May Board Meeting.

Now that the Agriculture and Industrial Technology Complex is moving forward, the District can begin looking at a future bond measure.

Judy Rose asked how AB705 would affect any programs in the new building. Joe said that AB705 should not affect facilities.

c. Update on Wayfinding Landscape Project

Bryan Tassej gave the committee an update on the Main Monument Landscaping Project. He has implemented a new setup whereby the crew works in teams maintaining areas Monday through Thursday. This leaves Fridays for work on special projects. He had a test site between Communication and Science Buildings and this seems to have worked really well. Now that this new process is in place, he anticipates beginning to work on the main monument project mid-April.

Ron Pirtle asked for the status on the Food Forest. Bryan said that work is evolving and there is a new Plant Science Instructor that has been working on the project. The top mound of the amphitheater and all the irrigation is complete.

Joe announced to the group that our Facilities Master Plan consultant will be on-site Wednesday, April 10, 2019 to share the new Facilities Master Plan with the community. A reception will be held from 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. More information will be shared, as we get closer to the date.

7. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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