

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**May 16, 2006**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has adopted a resolution to dedicate the Emma Vance Woods in Crawford County as an Illinois Nature Preserve. The action was taken at the regular meeting, Tuesday, May 16, at Lincoln Trail College, Robinson.

IECC currently holds title to a 40 acre parcel of land, located approximately 8 miles northwest of Robinson, known as the Emma Vance Woods, which was once part of the family farm of Emma Vance Morris. Nellie Morris Miles, Emma's daughter, sought to preserve the natural features of the woods and in 1976 Mrs. Miles donated the property to the Nature Conservancy in honor of her mother.

The Nature Conservancy subsequently leased the property to IECC and on July 6, 1982, the Nature Conservancy transferred the property to the Board of Trustees of IECC with the stipulation that the property be forever held for scientific, educational, and aesthetic purposes and kept in its natural state. Since that time, Emma Vance Woods has been used as an outdoor educational center for Lincoln Trail College.

The Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, a state agency and part of the Department of Natural Resources requested that the property be dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act. Under this Act, the property will be dedicated and held as a nature preserve and maintained in its natural condition.

Bob Edgin, representing the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, was present at the meeting and reviewed the dedication procedure for the trustees.

A contract was approved with the Local Workforce Investment Board Area 23, for IECC to develop and deliver training modules for healthcare professionals, including supervisors and managers, working in hospital and nursing home settings. The targeted population for the training will be newly promoted licensed practical nurses and registered nurses, along with supervisors and other managers.

The contract is the result of a recent study showing that there is a shortage of healthcare professionals, especially registered nurses.

Amendments were approved to the current contracts with the Illinois Department of Corrections for LTC educational services at the Robinson Correctional Center and the Lawrence

Correctional Center.

A Joint Agreement for education cooperation was approved with Kaskaskia College. Under the agreement the colleges agree to accept students in certain programs that are not offered by their home district.

Affiliation agreements between IECC and area health-related institutions and businesses were approved as follows:

Affiliations agreements for the IECC Certified Nurses Assistant Program were approved with the following:

Crawford Memorial Hospital, Robinson.

United Methodist Village, Lawrenceville.

Affiliations agreements for the IECC Medical Assistant Program were approved with the following:

Crawford Memorial Hospital, Rural Clinic, Robinson.

Dr. Rachael Walters, Lawrenceville.

Lathrop & Associates, Robinson.

Sarah Bush Lincoln Healthcare, Mattoon.

Paris Community Medical Center, Paris.

Springhill Medical Center, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Affiliations agreements for the IECC Pharmacy Technician Program were approved with the following:

Crawford Memorial Hospital, Robinson.

CVS Pharmacy, Lawrenceville.

CVS Pharmacy, Vincennes, Indiana.

Jennings Pharmacy, Olney.

Richland Memorial Hospital, Olney.

Bertram's Pharmacy, Robinson.

Terre Haute Regional Hospital, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Walgreens, Vincennes, Indiana.

Affiliations agreements for the IECC Associate Degree Nursing Program were approved with the following:

Lakeland Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Effingham.

Newton Rest Haven, Newton.

The trustees approved a contract extension with SunGard SCT, the district's current software supplier, to April 30, 2015, with a fee escalation cap of four percent per year over the life of the contract. The cap was scheduled to go to ten percent in 2009.

A contract was approved with the ROSS Agency to conduct background checks of all IECC students who enter Allied Health Programs, as required by state law.

The bid of Stiles Office Solutions, Carbondale, \$15,498.52, was accepted for office workstations for Frontier Community College.

Andrea Gere was employed as Psychology/Sociology Instructor.

Nick Short was employed as Life Science Instructor.

Darletta Mayhue was employed as Women's Basketball Coach at OCC.

The employment status of Kyle Peach was changed from Director of Broadcasting to Radio/TV Broadcasting Instructor at WVC.

The trustees accepted the resignations of Nick Wright, Chemistry Instructor, and Larry Conour, Computer Technology Instructor at Robinson Correctional Center.

Two personnel retirements were announced. Connie Girtten will retire as Nursing Instructor, effective immediately. Freda Kelley will retire as Custodian at LTC, effective August 1.

Results of the spring 2006 Student Satisfaction Survey were reviewed. Of 398 transfer and technical students surveyed, 94.5 percent expressed no dissatisfaction with district services.

Terry Bruce, Chief Executive Officer, reported that a total of 1,080 students were awarded degrees or certificates at recent graduation exercises at the four IECC colleges, as follows: Frontier Community College 158, Lincoln Trail College 238, Olney Central College 393, and Wabash Valley College 291.

District enrollment is up seven percent over spring semester one year ago.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at Olney Central College.