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July 16, 2002
Board of Trustees Meeting

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges has been given continued recognition for five years by the Illinois Community College Board. The recognition report, accepted by the ICCB June 14, was accepted by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting Tuesday, July 16, at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel.

The recognition evaluation was conducted during the past fiscal year. Recognition is a statutory term describing the status of the district which meets instructional, administrative, financial, facility and equipment standards established by the ICCB. Official recognition is required in order to be eligible for state funding.

IECC's Accountability and Program Review Report for the 2001-2002 academic year was approved. The report contains summaries of instructional program reviews, summaries of action program improvements, reviews of occupational programs, along with the district's performance-based incentive system and district-based goal.

Also approved was the District-Wide Marketing/Information Plan for the 2002-2003 academic year. The document was compiled by the Directors of Information and Marketing, Recruiting, and Office of Institutional Development. The plan has three broad goals for reaching residents of the district with information regarding educational and cultural activities that are available and to improve and increase communications within the district.

An update of the district's investment policy was adopted.

A request by St. Louis University to place a seismograph station on the campus of Wabash Valley College was approved.

A contract was approved between IECC and Image Architects, Marion, IL, for professional architectural services for IECC's Protection Health Safety Phase VII Bonds and the accompanying projects.

Dr. Hans Andrews was named "Olney Central College Distinguished Fellow in Community College Leadership," in recognition of his distinguished career in community college work and his successful tenure as President of OCC. Dr. Andrews retired this past month.

A minor change was approved to the contract with the Robinson and Lawrence

Correctional Centers, to delete the instructional positions of Commercial Custodial and Construction Occupations.

A resolution was adopted granting a five-year tax abatement for property near Palestine, Crawford County, IL, where a \$54 million ethanol facility will be constructed. The facility is to be built by LincolnLand Agri-Energy. The property was recently annexed into the Robinson Enterprise Zone.

Bids totaling \$508,792.20 were accepted from various vendors to update the IECC district's technology equipment. The bids are for printers, LCD projectors, interactive whiteboards, mobile multimedia cabinets, desktop computers, notebook computers, servers, network switches, a battery backup system and software licenses.

Teresa Diekmann was employed as Nursing Instructor and Sandra Lloyd was employed as Office Assistant at Lincoln Trail College.

Change in status was approved for the following personnel: Judy Neikirk, from Academic Support Specialist, District Office, to Social Work/Sociology Instructor; Susan Polgar, from Director, Student Advantage Network, District Office, to Psychology Instructor; Sibyl Janello, from Office Assistant, to Program Assistant, Workforce Education.

The resignation of Joe Wilson, Chemistry Instructor, was accepted, effective August 16.

An agreement between Lincoln Trail College and the LTC Foundation for lease of a 2000 Dodge 15-passenger van was approved. The lease is for \$14,440 plus 5% simple interest for a total of \$15,649.61, to be paid over five fiscal years.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, August 20, at 7 p.m. at Frontier Community College, Fairfield.