

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 8, 2019

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Jeff Scherer, Chairperson	PRESENT
Keith Harvey	ABSENT
Arlan Kuehn	ABSENT
Dirk Petersen	PRESENT
Steve Anderson, ex-officio	PRESENT

**OTHER BOARD MEMBER**

Del Ames	PRESENT
Donovan Ellis	PRESENT
Terry Nelson	PRESENT
Julie Robinson	PRESENT
Carol Sibbel	PRESENT
Gene Willers	PRESENT

**STAFF**

Steve Schram  
Mary Honke  
John Blaylock  
Dr. Michele Gill  
Jessica Dvorak  
Amanda Nipp  
Derek Bierman  
Jim Curry  
Diane Reikofski  
Brenda Sock  
Corinne Morris  
Tara Smydra

**OTHERS**

Kali Eklund

**MINUTES**

1. The meeting was convened at 11:27 a.m. in Suite G of the Lifelong Learning Center by Jeff Scherer, Chairperson of the Facilities Committee.
2. Recommended approval of the Minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting as distributed.
3. Steve Schram reported that the Ag and Water Center of Excellence project was developed several years ago, and staff have been working on a portion of that project for a few years. Phase 1 of the project will include a Veterinary Technology Building, Large Animal Handling/Farm Operations Building, with site development and support buildings for the farm relocation. The project relocates existing agriculture labs and classrooms to one site, enhancing seamless educational delivery of programming. The new site plan will ensure a high quality, safe and efficient environment which will provide for optimum teaching and learning.

Donovan Ellis remarked that Northeast is on the cusp of an opportunity to make Northeast a leading institution for agriculture and the new facility will be beneficial to current students and will entice new students to choose Northeast. Steve Anderson stated that Northeast is also the only community college that has 500 acres accessible for their Ag program.

Gene Willers requested feedback on the number of students that are served in the various Ag programs.

**Mission**

Northeast Community College is dedicated to the success of students and the region it serves.

Following discussion, a consensus was reached by the Facilities Committee to recommend to the Board of Governors to approve the Veterinary Technology and Farm Operations/Large Animal Buildings-Ag and Water Center of Excellence-Phase I Program Statement of Northeast Community College for submission to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE).

4. In other business, Jeff Scherer reported that another house along Benjamin Avenue is for sale. Steve Schram indicated that the home owners have been in contact with Northeast.
5. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.