

**Minutes of the Meeting  
of the  
Oakland University Board of Trustees  
Facilities Committee Meeting  
March 17, 2015**

**Present:** Chair Scott G. Kunselman

**Also Present:** Trustee Michael R. Kramer; Trustee David W. Tull; Trustee Melissa Stolicker (via teleconference); Trustee Mark E. Schlusser (via teleconference).

**Others:** Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer to the Board of Trustees John W. Beaghan; Vice President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Victor A. Zambardi; Vice President for Development, Alumni and Community Engagement; Eric D. Barritt, Student Liaison Scott A. Shermetaro, Consultant Chuck Jamille, and Associate Vice President for Facilities Management Terry Stollsteimer.

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Scott G. Kunselman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Oakland Room in the Oakland Center.

**B. New Items for Consideration**

1. MeadowBrook Road Culvert Project: Discussion of Bridge Option –

Chair Kunselman opened the meeting by stating that the MeadowBrook Road Culvert Project was approved at the March 6, 2015 formal session of the Board of Trustees pending a review by the Facilities Committee and by acknowledging that Trustees Schlusser and Stolicker were joining the meeting via teleconference. Chair Kunselman then invited Terry Stollsteimer to walk through a power point presentation, which is on file in the Board of Trustees office, regarding the MeadowBrook Road Culvert Project.

Terry Stollsteimer, with assistance from Chuck Jamille, a consultant from SME, then made a presentation to the Committee related to questions raised at the March 6, 2015 formal Board of Trustees session regarding the MeadowBrook Road Culvert Project. The presentation focused on the feasibility of continuing with the planned construction of a culvert, or, in lieu of constructing the culvert, constructing a bridge on the site.

Mr. Stollsteimer explained that constructing a bridge on the site would present multiple challenges including managing potential safety issues and the re-routing and/or re-positioning of certain underground infrastructure systems.

At this point in the presentation, following questions from Chair Kunselman, a general discussion was had regarding the number and nature of culverts on the University's campus and past structural issues with the culvert on MeadowBrook Road and the remedial steps taken to secure the culvert. Additional discussion was had regarding how the size of the culvert would be determined, with Mr. Jamille stating that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality was mandating that one (1) foot of stone be placed at the bottom of the culvert based on the belief that there may be fish in the stream.

Mr. Stollsteimer then continued the presentation by explaining that constructing a bridge versus the planned culvert would also increase the duration of the project resulting in longer shutdowns of buildings, IT infrastructure systems and utilities during the academic year.

Chair Kunselman asked a question regarding the remedial repairs made to the culvert last year to which Mr. Jamille responded that those repairs were only a short term solution and that the culvert needed to be replaced soon.

Lastly, Mr. Stollsteimer's presentation addressed the cost of constructing a bridge versus the planned culvert. In response to a question from Chair Kunselman, Mr. Stollsteimer estimated that bridge construction would exceed the cost of the planned culvert by more than at least seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00).

In response to a question from Trustee Stolicker, Mr. Jamille stated that he estimated the bridge pricing using bids from an actual (non-Oakland University) job of similar size.

In response to a question from Chair Kunselman regarding what compelling argument existed in favor of constructing a bridge, Mr. Stollsteimer stated that, while a bridge may be more aesthetically appealing, that appeal would be offset by the lack of any view of the bridge for a portion of the year and potential safety issues. Mr. Stollsteimer recommended proceeding with the construction of the planned culvert.

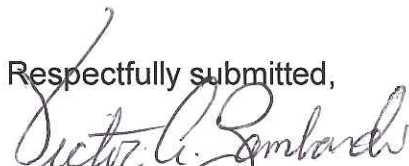
In response to questions from Chair Kunselman and Trustee Schlusel, a discussion with Mr. Barritt then ensued regarding the prospect of selling naming rights if a bridge were constructed. Mr. Barritt, referencing a memorandum he prepared for the Committee, which is also on file in the Board of Trustee's office, stated that he did not have any immediate prospects for the sale of any naming rights to a potential bridge project, but that there may be such prospects in the long term should a bridge be constructed. Trustee Schlusel commented that given that this is a fifty (50) year project, it could be a naming opportunity at some point whereas a culvert would not.

A motion to proceed with the construction of the planned culvert was seconded and unanimously approved with the consent of all Trustees in attendance with Trustee Tull stating that the presentation was well done.

**C. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Victor A. Zambardi  
Vice President for Legal Affairs,  
General Counsel and  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved,

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Scott G. Kunselman  
Chair  
Facilities Committee of the  
Board of Trustees