July 23 2010

Board of Trustees Garden City Community College 801 Campus Drive Garden City, KS 67846

Dear Trustees:

The Board of Trustees will meet in a special session on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>July 28</u>, <u>2010</u>. The meeting will be held in the <u>Broncbuster Room</u>, <u>Beth Tedrow Student Center</u>, Garden City Community College Campus.

5:30 PM Special Board Meeting called to order in the Broncbuster Room, Beth Tedrow

**Student Center** 

## **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. Comments from the Chair
- B. Open comments from the public

#### **OTHER:**

Resolution 2010-2 2010 Sunflower Energy Support Resolution and Letter of Support

#### MEETING WITH ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** for the purpose of discussing nonelected personnel.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Sincerely,

Dr. William Clifford, Chair

Mission: Garden City Community College exists to produce positive contributors to the economic and social well-

being of society.

Five Ends: Essential Skills, Work Preparedness, Academic Advancement, Personal Enrichment, Work Force

Development.

# Garden City Community College 2010 Sunflower Energy Support Resolution

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A BALANCED ENERGY POLICY FOR KANSANS INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES AND THE USE OF FOSSIL FUELS

**WHEREAS**, the reliable supply of electricity is vital to every home and business in America; and

**WHEREAS**, the reliable supply of power can best be achieved by a diverse portfolio of electric generation assets; and

WHEREAS, Federal and State governments have regulated power plant emissions in concert with federal laws for over forty years and have constantly reviewed those laws when applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, because carbon dioxide emission is a global concern, it is appropriate for US Congress to make policy decisions regarding this important issue; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 compromise between Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation is a positive move toward providing baseload generation for Kansas and increasing the development of renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, in order to supply homes and businesses with reliable, low cost electricity, the Board of Trustees of Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas, supports a balanced energy policy that consists of the development of renewable generation within the State, the development of a bioenergy center under study with Sunflower and the National Institute of Strategic Technology Acquisition and Commercialization, and the Holcomb Expansion Project that includes the construction of a coal-based power plant.

**WHEREAS,** in 2006, the GCCC Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 36-2006, a joint resolution of the governing bodies of Finney County, the City of Garden City and Garden City Community College stating support of the Sunflower Electric Power Corporation's application for a prevention of significant deterioration construction permit for the Holcomb Station project.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas, are reinforcing their support for the Holcomb Project by adopting this Resolution that adds to the previously adopted Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Garden City Community College that:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas, hereby supports a balanced energy policy that supports generation initiatives

by the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency and Kansas utilities Mid-Kansas Electric Company, Midwest Energy and Sunflower Electric Power Corporation.

Section 2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GARDEN CITY, KANSAS
	Dr. William Clifford, Chairman
ATTEST:	Terri Worf, Vice Chairman
Debra Atkinson, Deputy Clerk	Steven W. Sterling, Clerk
	Della Brandenburger, Trustee
	Merilynn Douglass, Trustee
	Ron Schwartz, Trustee

July 28, 2010

Roderick L. Bremby, Secretary Kansas Department of Health and Environment Curtis State Office Building 1000 S.W. Jackson Topeka, KS 66612

**RE:** Holcomb Expansion Project, Sunflower Electric

Dear Secretary Bremby:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a resolution in support of the proposed Holcomb Expansion Project recently adopted by the Board of Trustees of Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas.

The Board of Trustees continues to support the proposed expansion and requests your favorable review and approval of the draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air quality construction permit.

It is the view of the Board of Trustees that the proposed project will have a positive economic impact for Kansas as well as the Southwest Kansas region. Sunflower Electric Power Corporation already is a significant contributor to the state and local economy, providing 280 jobs and paying over \$8 million in property and sales taxes. During the four-year construction phase, more than 1,900 construction jobs will be created, and 206 new jobs will be created upon completion of the project.

Completion of the Holcomb Expansion Project will assist in meeting the growing needs for base load generation and enable Sunflower Electric Power Corporation to do so with minimal environmental impacts. The proposed project will meet or exceed state and federal regulations. The technical staff involved in development of the draft Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air quality construction permit has assured that the project will protect the public health and environment.

As evidenced by the attached resolution, the Garden City Community College Board of Trustees fully supports the proposed Holcomb Expansion Project. The Board's support is based upon trust in the technical staff involved in the permit process and because the proposed project will assist in meeting the future needs of Southwest Kansas and the state in a manner consistent with protection of our environment.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Clifford, Chairman	Terri Worf, Vice Chairman
Steven W. Sterling, Clerk	Della Brandenburger
Merilynn Douglass	Ron Schwartz