

**NAVARRO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2006 PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

The NAVARRO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES held a Public Hearing on September 7, 2006, in the Lone Star Room located in the Walker Dining Hall. The following trustees were in attendance: Mr. Homer Wasson, Chair; Dr. James Price, Vice-Chair; Mr. Lloyd Huffman, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. James Borkchum, Member; Mr. Liston Herod, Jr., Member; Mr. Todd McGraw, Member; and Mr. Zane Stites, Member.

Also attending were:

Dr. Richard Sanchez	President
Dr. Gregory Dlabach	Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Darrell Raines	Vice President for Finance and Administration
Dr. Kenneth Martin	Vice President for Student Services
Ms. Susan Johnson	Director of Market Relations and Public Information
Ms. Leslie Smith	Executive Administrative Assistant

Others attending were:

Mr. Paul Curington	502 West 1 st Ave, Apt. A, Corsicana, Texas
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101. Call to Order

Mr. Wasson called the public hearing to order at 12:00 noon, and announced this was the first of two public hearings prior to the Navarro College Board of Trustees adopting the tax rate for 2006-07. Dr. Price was asked to lead the assembly in prayer.

Mr. Wasson stated that information received from the County Tax Assessor conveys that the effective tax rate for Navarro College for the 2006-2007 year is \$0.1252. The effective tax rate is the tax rate Navarro College would need to charge to have the identical amount of revenue it had last year. The present tax rate is \$0.1405, and the Board of Trustees will vote on September 21, 2006 to maintain the same tax rate as last year.

Mr. Wasson continued by stating that Navarro College is not increasing the tax rate for the 2006-2007 year. Taxpayers in Navarro County will pay the same tax they paid last year unless their property has been reappraised.

201. Public Hearing Related to the Intent to Set the Ad Valorem Tax Rate at \$1405/\$100

Mr. Wasson acknowledged Mr. Paul Curington's request to speak to the Board and advised him he would be allowed five minutes.

At the Chairman's request, Mr. Curington stated his full name and address. Mr. Curington declared his opposition to the Board's intent to set the tax rate at \$0.1405/\$100. He stated that taxpayers voted against the College's bond proposal three years ago but the Board still chose to build. He stated that he assumed the debt for the buildings was still on the books for the notes to be paid as well as notes for Ellis County. He stated that in his opinion the money is not needed; therefore, the proposal is a misguided one on the part of the Board.

He stated that if the Board should act to set the tax rate above the rollback rate, he expects more than ten percent of Navarro County voters to sign a petition to hold a rollback election. He concluded by thanking Mr. Huffman for voting against the intent to set the tax rate at \$0.1405.

600. *Next Meeting Announcement*

Mr. Wasson announced that the Navarro College Board of Trustees would hold a second public hearing on the proposed tax rate on Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at 12:00 noon in the Lone Star Room of the Kenneth P. Walker Dining Hall.

He stated a vote on the tax rate would take place during the Board of Trustees meeting at 7:00 pm. on Thursday, September 21, 2006 in the Arrowhead Room located in the Gooch One Stop Student Center.

Mr. Stites made the motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m. and Mr. Huffman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Lloyd D. Huffman, Secretary-Treasurer