

**NAVARRO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2006 PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES**

The NAVARRO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES held a Public Hearing on September 13, 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
Dr. Tommy Stringer	Vice President for Institutional Advancement
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 second of two public hearings prior to the Navarro College Board of Trustees adopting the tax rate for 2006-07. Mr. Borkchum 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 stated a Notice of Vote on the Tax Rate was advertised in the Corsicana Daily Sun on Wednesday, September 12, 2006, stating that the Navarro College District had conducted public hearings on September 7, 2006 and September 13, 2006. Mr. Curington stated that using the word "conducted" in the past tense indicated the board had already conducted both hearings which was misleading. He stated the main point he

wanted to express was to protest the proposed tax rate the Trustees are intending to set for 2006-07. He quoted an article in the Corsicana Daily Sun on September 9, 2006 which stated the tax rate of \$0.1405 is the same tax rate adopted for the previous year, but is approximately one-half cent above the "rollback rate" for the current tax year. Mr. Curington stressed the wording "rollback" was important. He stated that if the tax rate is not set below the rollback rate, it will open up the opportunity for taxpayers to petition for an election to vote against it.

Mr. Curington mentioned that College officials state there will be no change in cost to taxpayers unless there has been a change in valuation. Mr. Curington stated that the Board is aware that appraisals have gone up within the county from certified appraisal rolls sent from the Navarro County Tax Office in July. He noted the tax rolls have increased from \$1,740,732,641 to \$1,958,733,600 giving the College access to an additional \$218 million.

Mr. Curington stated the Board should be satisfied with this increase and "should not slap these taxes on the poor people of Navarro County, many of whom are elderly or on fixed income." He asked the Board to reconsider their intent to set the tax rate at \$0.1405 and vote against it as Trustee Huffman did.

600. Next Meeting Announcement

Mr. Wasson announced that 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 12:06 p.m. and Mr. McGraw seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Lloyd D. Huffman, Secretary-Treasurer