**District No. 15**

**Wenatchee, Washington**

**WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Board Meeting**

April 19, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.

Lucy Covington Government Center, Nespelem

Auditorium/Zoom

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

Trustees Present:

 Tamra Jackson, Chair

 Steve Zimmerman, Vice Chair

 Wilma Cartagena

 Paula Arno Martinez

 Phylicia Hancock Lewis

Also Present:

 Cabinet Members

 Faculty Members

 Students

**CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**March 15, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Phylicia Hancock Lewis moved that the minutes of the March 15, 2023, Regular Board Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Steve Zimmerman and carried unanimously.

MOTION NO. 2330

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

**WVC at Omak presents “Older Than the Crown” film screening March 9**

The screening of the film “Older Than the Crown” was presented by the Associated Students of WVC of Omak at Omak Red Road Association on March 9 at the Omak Theatre.

The 57-minute film documents the landmark trial of Sinixt Ceremonial Hunter Rick Desautel, who in 2010 was charged with illegal hunting on ancestral lands. To the Sinixt, hunting on ancestral land is an aboriginal right gifted to them by Creator. However, they have been legally denied this right since 1956, when the Canadian government unjustly declared the tribe extinct. The Sinixt’s courageous fight and legal victory becomes a pivotal precedent for other Native tribes struggling for reconciliation with their homelands, as well as an emotional recognition of a people’s right to exist.

“This documentary is a tribute to the strength and resilience of generations of our people who struggled against overwhelming colonial forces and fought for our very survival,” said Rodney Cawston, chairman of the Colville Confederated Tribes. “Having at least part of our story finally told is very gratifying. For well over 150 years, the Sinixt have sacrificed and lost so much. Rick Desautel honors all of our ancestors and this film is for them.”

“Older Than the Crown” is directed by Derrick LaMere. LaMere, Shelly Boyd and Meghan Francis are producers. The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation is the executive producer. This is a War Pony Pictures Production and copyright by the Colville Tribes of the Colville Reservation.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Ally Aspen, ASWVC Wenatchee President**

Ally Aspen was not present to add to her written report.

**Abigail Steinshouer, ASWVC Omak President**

Abigail presented ASWVC events for the month of April and May. Events included the easter egg hunt, movie night and Stand Against Racism.

**Patrick Tracy, AHE President**

 Patrick Tracy was not p[resent to provide a report.

**Wendy Glenn, Chief Steward WPEA**

Wendy Glenn was not present to provide a report.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Brett Riley, Vice President of Administrative Services**

Mr. Riley did not add to his written report.

**Dr. Tod Treat, Vice President of Instruction**

Dr. Treat did not add to his written report.

**Dr. Chio Flores, Vice President of Student Services**

Dr. Flores thanked the board of trustees and the college for their support during her tenure at WVC.

**Dr. Faimous Harrison, President**

Dr. Harrison shared that May 5 would be Dr. Flores’ last day on campus, there will be a farewell celebration to honor Dr. Flores’ work.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no official public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT – 3:15 P.M.**

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Secretary Chair