

# MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE MUSEUM

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## STATE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY JANUARY 07M 016 – 1:30PM

Members Present – Ellen Abington, Beverly Bedsole, Rodney Clements, John Freeman, Raymond Powell, Judson Rives, Sandy Spalding, and Mr. Wayne Waddell.

New Members Present: Candace Cox and Jack Sibley.

Members Excused: Riemer Calhoun, Carloyn Huckabay, Johnny McFerrin, and Jeanne Rogers.

Staff: Van Reech, Jr.

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Mr. Powell called the meeting to order and Judson Rives led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Beverly Bedsole, seconded by John Freeman to approve the minutes of the October 01, 2015 meeting as printed. Minutes were approved.

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Mr. Waddell says that Mr. Schedler can appoint eight members and the new Governor will have to re-appoint and certify all. He asks that the members all fill out the new forms and submit to Van Reech. I have Ellen Abington, Beverly Bedsole, John Freeman, Raymond Powell, Jeanne Rogers, and Sandy Spalding. Mr. Waddell asks if Beverly Bruce, Britney Green, and Johnny McFerren can be moved off of the member list. He also reassures all that there will be no ethics test for any of the members.

Mr. Powell reported that moving The Board's quarterly meetings from the first Thursday to the second Thursday of the month each quarter would benefit Mr. Waddell. A motion was made by Beverly Bledsole and seconded by Judson Rives and the motion passed.

Mr. Waddell said that he has asked that the old A/C unit be replaced since the old keeps having to be repaired. This new one should cost around \$6900 and Storer Service will be doing the work soon. The Museum's new hours will be 10:00am to 4:00pm Tuesday through Friday for a total of twenty four hours per week. Van Reech can do appointments and will have flexible hours to make this happen. Van will put up new signage to reflect this.

Sandy Spalding suggested that we make the Monroe Street entrance one way to avoid congestion but Mr. Powell pointed out that there was ample room to bypass at the entrance. Mr. Powell pointed out that Charles Amie wanted to put a handrail on the steps to the side of that entrance and they should suffice as deterrents to the vehicular traffic and as an aid to pedestrians.

As there was no more discussion a motion was made by Judson Rives to adjourn and seconded by Sandy Spalding and passed by everyone rising and leaving.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Van Reech, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Van Reech, Jr.