



Peaslee Board of Directors Agenda

August 25, 2:30-3:00 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting

August 25, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Peaslee Tech Directors Meeting

August 25, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Peaslee Tech Board & Staff Appreciation Reception

In Attendance: Paula Smith, Patrick Kelly, Bonnie Lowe, Diane Stoddard, Shirley Martin-Smith, Cynthia Yulich, Gene Petrie, Tracy Green, Kevin Kelley, Andrea Chavez

While waiting on board members to arrive, Peaslee CDL student Zaid talked about his personal experience in the CDL program. Zaid came to the United States about 4 years ago speaking very little English, but now he and his wife have established multiple businesses in the Kansas area. Due to one of his businesses being in commercial trucking, Zaid wanted to learn to drive the trucks they owned, and that is the reason he came to Peaslee. Zaid has had about 5-6 friends come through Peaslee's CDL program and highly recommends the CDL instructors and the facility. Zaid and his friends are constantly telling everyone how great the CDL program is at Peaslee.

Shirly Martin-Smith called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm. There was not a quorum, so all voting agenda items will be emailed to the board members to get approval. The remainder of the agenda items were discussed.

1. Approval of May 12, 2022, Minutes – vote

2. Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report

- Second Quarter 2022 Financials – vote

Cindy and Andrea presented the second quarter 2022 financials based off what Landi said in the finance committee meeting. The budget for instructor expenses is up, and this is due to adding more instructors than before, currently no accounts receivables older than 30 days, and Peaslee is ahead of budget. Kevin talked about how we may have a potential \$70,000 expense for a new roof for the building, due to hail damage. The total cost of a new roof without insurance is about \$900,000. Peaslee is looking to hire a local company to do all the roofing. Kevin mentioned that we have a couple of grant requests out for solar panels and a solar and wind panel for the building to help cut down on the cost of monthly bills. There has been no update on that as of right now. All in all, the financials are looking good.

3. Updates/Discussion:

- City/County Resolution

Kevin updated that on the 6th of September, the city will consider the city/county resolution and on the 7th, the county will. Peaslee board members will be appointed by the county/city. This change will help in the goal of creating a special district to fund Peaslee for the long term. Kevin feels confident that this will move forward as he has received a lot of advice from legislators and will probably be gaining support and sponsorship from Senator Tom Holland and Senator Rick Kloos. It is also likely that Johnson County Community College and Kansas City Community College will write letters of support. If this passes this session, it could be seen on the county ballot in November of 2023 as the legislators will authorize the county commission to add it. When the current board dissolves, the board members can serve on Peaslee's advisory boards such as health care, government community relations, auto, etc.

4. Other Business

Kevin shared that Governor Laura Kelly came to visit Peaslee. The Governor was able to hear from Patrick Kelly and Bill DeWitt about the partnership with Lawrence USD 497 School District and Peaslee Tech. The Governor toured the facility and was shown all the programs we have to offer like CDL, Robotics, Carpentry, and others. She ended with a tour of the Lawrence Workforce Center and was told about the partnership Peaslee has with them. Kevin said Representative Mann has expressed interest in visiting Peaslee.



Kevin said enrollments are up, and he estimates this year there will be about 2,400 enrollments, which includes those who have taken multiple courses through Peaslee. He also shared since The CRUNCH opened in March, there have been 16 companies with 18 projects that have utilized The CRUNCH services and space. All companies reside in Douglas County.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43pm. Everyone gathered in The CRUNCH for a reception of all the Board members and Staff.

On August 26, 2022, Andrea emailed the board members on behalf of Shirley Martin-Smith, Board Chair, to vote on the following two items electronically:

1. Minutes from the May 12, 2022, meeting
2. Second Quarter 2022 Financials

Both items were unanimously approved.

Board who participated in email vote:

Sandy Dixon, Marilyn Heck, Gary Westerman, Matthew Wingert, Gene Petrie, Cindy Yulich, Lisa Larsen, Paula Smith, Derek Kwan, Tracy Green, Shirley Martin-Smith, Partrick Slabaugh, Bobbie Flory, Anthony Lewis, Patrick Kelly, Craig Weinaug.