



Peaslee Board of Directors Agenda

July 10, 2025, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Peaslee Tech Directors Meeting

In Attendance: Shirley Martin-Smith, Mark Preut, Bonnie Lowe, Brittany Hall, Wayne Ricks, Rick Hird, Dr. Kevin Kelley, Andrea Chavez, Megan Hill, and George Crump

In Attendance via Zoom: Cindy Yulich

Not in Attendance: Bobbie Flory and Beverly Victoriano

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm

1. Approval of May 8, 2025, Minutes/Agenda – Vote

Shirley amended the minutes to add her name that was accidentally left off and then entertained a motion to approve the minutes and agenda. Bonnie moved to approve the minutes/agenda. The motion was seconded by Brittany. The motion of the minutes/agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Revised By-Laws

Kevin explained that the revised By-Laws remove the language about the City and County by appointing the board of directors. Mark moved to approve the revised By-Laws. The motion was seconded by Bonnie. The motion of the revised By-Laws was unanimously approved.

3. Shirley asked for a nomination to add Wayne Ricks to join the Board of Directors. Brittany moved to add Wayne Ricks back to the board. The motion was seconded by Mark. The motion to add Wayne Ricks back to the board was unanimously approved.

4. Updates/Discussion:

- Peaslee Promise Update

Megan provided an update on the Peaslee Promise to include the following:

- **Marketing**
 - **Campaign Launch Press Release**
 - LJW Front Page
 - Lawrence Times
 - Peaslee Tech Facebook Post
 - **KLWN & KPR**
 - According to the Record Radio Interview
 - Running Radio Ads
 - Interview with Steven Hertzog in July
 - **Print Ads**
 - Lawrence Business Magazine
 - LJW
 - The Maple Weekly (in progress)
 - **Digital Ads**
 - Lawrence & Eudora Times
- **Grand Slam Event - INVITATION ONLY!!!**
 - Invitations have gone out to over 200 folks
 - Did you all receive yours? Thanks to those who have RSVP'd
 - Kim Murphree will emcee
- **Endowment Fund - \$142k**
 - **New Gifts**
 - Val & Beth Stella - \$10k
 - Harrison Family Fund - \$10k

- Anonymous Donor - \$20k
- Charles & Donna Decedue - \$1k
- Bill & Barbara Carswell - \$1k
- Met with Chip Blaser with DCCF
 - Funds are currently invested with US Bank, earning over 4%
 - Identified several prospective donors DCCF can assist with
- Discussion - Building the Ad Hoc Endowment Committee to assist solely with fundraising efforts
 - We need to leave this meeting with a list of prospective committee members
 - Shirley Martin-Smith
 - Curtis Marsh
 - Smitty Belcher (potential co-chair)
 - Katie Winter (Kevin will talk to her)
 - Wint Winter (Kevin will talk to him; very close with Winter family)
 - Brian McClendon (can Curtis help with this one?)
 - Rodger Henry (Kevin will talk to him)
 - Derek Kwan
 - Becki Dick
 - Kirsten Flory
 - MaryJo Anemaat
 - Jean Milstead
 - Dave Hill
 - Tony Krsnich (Kevin talked with him)
 - Russ Johnson (potential co-chair)
 - Russ is moving to Rhode Island, but Cindy will talk to him about potentially serving on the committee in some capacity
 - Christy Imel
 - Additional people we discussed to potentially serve on the committee:
 - Joe Flannery
 - John and Deanell Tacha
 - Janice Toebben
 - People we discussed as prospective donors who are NOT already on our list:
 - Bill & Dru Sampson (Shirley knows them)
 - Coach Fitzgerald (Brad Stoll can help us connect with him)
 - Alan Mulally
 - Erin Brockovich (Maley Wilkins knows her)
- Solar Project Update

Kevin gave an update on the activities. Cromwell is currently working on finishing it up and it should be turned on today.
- P1 Bus Contract Update

Kevin said the P1 Bus contract ended last week. The contract was made to haul electricians up to campus to complete the stadium project. Kevin said he thinks the contract will be revisited because there is a contract for the hotel still. He said it has really strengthened the relationship with P1.
- Apprenticeship Update

No new apprentices

Completed Apprentices:

9 apprentices completed in the following:



- 1 IMM from ICL
- 3 IMM from Post Holdings
- 3 IMM from Berry/Amcor
- 1 Mechatronics from Hallmark
- 1 CDL-B from MCM

HS Fall New Pre-Apprenticeships:

Total of 22 enrollments with 8 students enrolled in the Diesel Tech, 1 Industrial Machinery, 2 Robotic & Automated Production, 7 Building Trades, and 4 Aviation

All classes will be M-F 12:45-2:45 for 18 weeks total 180 hours

Begin August 18th and go until December 19th

- Diesel Preventative Maintenance Technician
- Building Trades
- Industrial Machinery Mechanic
- Introduction to Manufacturing
- Aviation
- Grant Update
 - Received award letter for \$270K FRAME Grant
 - Will be applying for the RICE Foundation due 9/11 and KRIZ Foundation due 9/30 grants
 - SAEI Grant ended 6/30/25. Last reporting due 7/18/25
 - Kevin presented on Douglas County Funding submission 7/9
 - To date there has been no communication from the city regarding our 3-year funding submittal that was approved for one year last year pending review for this year. No General Fund applications have been opened for FY26
 - Jill Jolicoeur submitted a \$62,500 request from the Douglas County Anti-Poverty CHP for scholarship funding for Peaslee and is still pending
 - Soybean Oil Grant to run diesel truck. Kevin reached out directly to the soybean company, and they advised him to submit a grant for the fall. The grant will be for \$30,000 to convert one of our diesel trucks to soybean oil.

5. Other Business

- **Cindy sent Kevin and Andrea the LMH Newsletter that gave a shout out to Peaslee Tech. Kevin will share with the board.**

6. Executive Session (If needed)

No Executive Session was needed.

7. Adjourn

Shirley entertained a motion to adjourn. Wayne moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mark. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.