

**West Liberty University  
Board of Governors**

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**Minutes**

**December 18, 2013**

Attendance:

Beverly Burke, Richard Carter, Sandra Chapman, George Couch, Dennis Gooch, Patrick Kelly, Frank Noble

Unable to Attend:

Joseph Carey, Brian Joseph, Ann Thomas

Administration/Faculty/Staff:

Mary Ann Edwards, Stephanie Hooper, Jack Wright

**1. Call to Order:**

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

**2. Action Items\*:**

**Approval of Naming Rights to the Renovated Stadium**

Chair Carter stated that the meeting is being called in association with the naming of the football field. It is incumbent upon the Board to authorize any naming rights and need to officially do this since there will be monies coming to the University prior to the end of the calendar year from Gary West.

Mr. Wright stated that Mr. West approached us mid-summer, stating he would like to donate \$3 Million to upgrade the stadium seating and press box, but didn't want to go beyond \$3 Million. We had M & G Architects take a look at the project and felt we could get it done with a little contingency for under \$3 Million.

We met with Mr. West in October and realized a problem we may have is earth problems. We are not sure what we might encounter underneath the concrete stands. We have since done test borings and other tests that lead us to believe we're in good shape.

Mr. West, over and above and \$3 Million, committed \$500,000 for contingencies. What he would like is that \$500,000 be raised by WLU's Development group and he would then back out the contingency. He has already given \$300,000 for architectural work, drilling, and testing. He will be transmitting \$2.7 Million today and putting \$500,000 in a fund today. The \$500,000 is required to be signed off by the Foundation and Mr. West.

Mr. West has completely fulfilled his \$3.5 Million donation and the WLU Development group has raised \$100,000 at this point. Mr. West has stated he knows we will name the stadium after him but would like the official right to name the stadium. We are sure Mr. West will involve the family name in the naming of the stadium. Mr. Wright asked if there were any questions. Having clarified the meeting is for naming rights of the stadium, Chair Carter asked if there were any other comments or questions.

**A motion that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approve the naming rights for the football stadium at West Liberty University, in accordance with the gift from Gary E. West, and that the name of this stadium be associated with the West family, the exact name being provided by Mr. West, was then made by George Couch and seconded by Bev Burke; motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

**A motion that the West Liberty University Board of Governors adjourn the December 18, 2013 meeting was then made by George Couch and seconded by Patrick Kelly; motion passed unanimously.**

Richard Carter

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Chair

Ann Thomas

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Secretary