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Notification of Establishment of Steering Committee for Great Rivers Community College District

Coordinating Board for Higher Education

December 9, 2020

BACKGROUND

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education has statutory responsibility for the state's procedures related to the establishment of new community college taxing districts. The process for implementing these procedures is included in the statutes found at §§ 178.780 and 178.800-178.800, RSMo, and in the administrative rule located at 6 CSR 10-6.010.

When citizens of one or more contiguous school districts initiate efforts to establish a new community college taxing district, the first required action is to create a steering committee of local taxpayers. That committee, and particularly its chair, work with the CBHE to develop materials and implement the required processes outlined in the statute and administrative rule.

CURRENT STATUS

The board received notice that a steering committee has been formed to begin the process of establishing a new community college taxing district in southeast Missouri, to be called the Great River Community College District. Although the letter of intent requested the CBHE discontinue granting 1456 sites and not allow expansion of current programs in the Great Rivers area, in discussions with the steering committee chair, the committee chair indicated this would not be necessary at this time. If it becomes necessary, a moratorium on program expansion will be brought to the CBHE for discussion at a future meeting. 1456 sites have not been funded since the 1990s and have no bearing on this proposal.

Further, 6 CSR 10-6.010 states the CBHE will provide the form and method for distribution of the community need survey to the steering committee. Staff are drafting the form and method for CBHE review, and will supply to the steering committee once complete.

Included as part of the process will be the review by the CBHE of the feasibility study to be conducted by the steering committee. Per 6 CSR 10-6.010(1)(B)2, the review will consist of:

If the board determines a bona fide need exists after examining the information regarding the establishment of a community college, the board will conduct a review to ascertain if alternative agencies can provide the identified services.

It is anticipated the feasibility study will be completed late spring 2021, and submitted as part of a community college proposal in summer 2021. The department and the chair of the steering committee will hold regular check-in meetings to ensure deadlines are met and necessary information is included in the proposal.

Pending the results of the CBHE review anticipated in fall 2021, a referendum on the question of establishing a new community college taxing district may go to the voters of the participating school districts in April 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Letter of Intent
- B. Steering Committee Membership
- C. Proposed Timeline

Tab 20 Attachment A
Letter of Intent

***Great River Community College District
Committee for Affordable Technical Education
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October 16, 2020

Mr. Douglas R. Kennedy
Chairman
Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education
301 W. High Street, Suite 860
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Dear Chairman Kennedy:

We have formed a Steering Committee for the purpose of organizing the Great River Community College District. A list of the membership is attached.

Our goal is to present proper documentation for this issue to be on the April 2022 ballot. The school districts represented in this proposal are Cape Girardeau 63 School District, Jackson R-2 School District, and Perry County School District 32.

In light of the formation of this Steering Committee and its goal, we kindly request that the Coordinating Board of Higher Education discontinues granting any future approval of "1456 sites" in the Great Rivers area. We also request that you do not allow the expansion of community college services in our area. Those services are currently offered by Three Rivers Community College and Mineral Area at Cape Girardeau and Perryville. We feel any expansion of those services will jeopardize our chances of passing our own formation levy.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the above address or by telephone at 573-837-6595. We thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Rich Payne
Chairman

Attachment

Tab 20 Attachment B
Steering Committee Members

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Tab 20 Attachment C
Proposed Timeline

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TIMELINE

JULY 2020- APRIL 2022

