

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2007

SUBJECT: Blue Ridge Community College Resolution

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

For the past several months, Blue Ridge Community College has explored several avenues to restore the lake at the College. To that end, they have partnered with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to improve the drainage system along College Drive. Those improvements require replacement of the drain line under College Drive.

It has been estimated that the cost for the project will be in the range of \$100,000. To assist with that cost, BRCC has by resolution and through a letter to Senator Tom Apodaca, requested NCDOT Contingency Funding in the amount of \$70,000 be allocated for the project.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to formally support BRCC's request to Senator Apodaca for NCDOT Contingency Funding in the amount of \$70,000 to be used for the project.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board support Blue Ridge Community College's request for \$70,000 in NCDOT contingency funding for replacement of the drain line under College Drive.



Dr. David W. Sink, Jr.
President

April 23, 2007

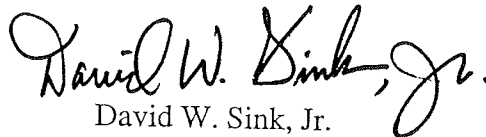
Senator Tom Apodaca
214 North King Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Dear Senator Apodaca,

Blue Ridge Community College and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has partnered together to improve the drainage structure along SR1920, College Drive. The drainage improvement will not only replace the dilapidated drain line under College Drive but will enable the college to restore its once beautiful lake. The Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College is requesting your assistance in obtaining the necessary NCDOT funding for this project. Our request is for NCDOT contingency funding of up to \$70,000 to improve drainage structure under SR1920, College Drive.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. We would like for this item to be placed on the agenda for the May NCDOT Board meeting. Thank you for your continued support of Blue Ridge Community College.

Sincerely,


David W. Sink, Jr.

**BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RESOLUTION FOR THE REQUEST OF FUNDS
FROM THE NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TO RESTORE THE LAKE
APRIL 20, 2007**

Background Information:

For the last several months the college has explored several avenues to restore the BRCC lake. The biggest obstacles to overcome in the restoration were the cost and funding. It has been estimated by an independent engineer that the cost would run in the range of \$100,000. Chairman Joe Spearman and David Whitson contacted the NCDOT in November, 2006 to request their assistance. In December, the college retained an engineering firm to design plans for restoration to be submittal to the NC Department of Natural Resources for approval. Over the last two months, plans and options were explored with NCDNR on the design. In the end, a new siphoning design system was submitted to NCDNR that would cost less than the original design. As of this date, the engineering of the project has been completed and plans submitted to NCDNR. The plans are being reviewed and should be approved by April 27, 2007. The NCDOT has explored their options on how to channel funds to help with the restoration. On April 17, 2007, David Whitson received instruction from the NCDOT Division Engineer on how to request funding. BRCC is to request NCDOT Contingency Funding for the drainage structure improvement along Highway No. SR 1920 (College Drive) in the amount of no more than \$70,000.00. BRCC will contract the project out and will be reimbursed by NCDOT for the cost up to \$70,000.00. The request shall come from the Board of Trustees of BRCC and channeled through Senator Tom Apodaca. Once this request is made, the special project will be placed on the NCDOT Board agenda for consideration. The proposal could be acted on by the NCDOT Board as early as the May meeting, depending on how fast the request is channeled through the appropriate venues.

Therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College requests NCDOT Contingency Funding to be used to improve drainage structure along Highway No. SR 1920 (College Drive) for an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.