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Teleconference of the
Clemson University Board of Trustees
March 6, 2006
11:00 a.m.
206 Sikes Hall

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Vice Chairman J.J. Britton called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Chairman Hendrix joined the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and chaired the meeting with the following members present via teleconference: Lawrence Gressette, Bill Hendrix, Tom Lynch, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Les McCraw, Tom McTeer, Bob Peeler, Bill Smith, Joe Swann, Gene Troutman, Executive Secretary.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: James Barker, Steve Copeland

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Davis, Bob Geolas, Geary Robinson, Sandy Woodward

Item 1. Call to Order
Statement: J.J. Britton, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M.

Item 2. Introductions
Statement: With no external press present, no introductions were necessary.

Item 3. Finance and Facilities Committee
Statement: Chairman Bill Smith convened the Finance and Facilities Committee. Steve Copeland presented the action item to approve the CU-ICAR Parking Structure Contract Award.

The action item was opened for full Board consideration.

3.1 Les McCraw asked that the name of the sub-contractors project manager and superintendent be written into the contract and stipulated that they cannot be relocated from the project without the owner’s approval. Mike Davis noted that such agreements were in fact contractual provisions and that the project manager will be Dave Osborne and the project superintendent will be Kenny Dickerson.

3.2. Steve Copeland noted that two bidders were non-compliant (Harper & Manhattan). Les McCraw asked what measures were taken to instruct the bidders on bid requirements. Mike Davis responded that the project bid documents included a mandatory pre-bid conference and written instructions to the bidders which were further reviewed and reiterated at the pre-bid conference. Les McCraw suggested that as a matter of good business and professional courtesy, communications should be made to assure that the non-compliant bidder understand their oversight and would work to avoid such oversight on future bids.
3.3 Bill Smith raised the question of potential revenue generation from the parking operation and the fitness center. Geary Robinson responded that the Clemson Athletic Department would operate the fitness center and the Timken Company would provide the equipment at no cost. Bob Geolas further explained that given the project financing by non-exempt bonds, the actual percentage of the building designed for parking, that CU-ICAR was prohibited from commercializing the parking operations. Bob Peeler requested that when the budget report is submitted, he would like to see the question of why Clemson cannot generate revenue from parking at CU-ICAR addressed.

3.4 Louis Lynn asked about the planned utilization of minority contractors for the construction of the project. Mike Davis answered that the project was required to comply with SC procurement regulations which does not allow financial set-asides for minority contractor participation.

3.5 Bill Smith requested that Bob Geolas prepare an operational budget for Board of Trustees’ review.

3.6 Bill Hendrix requested a review of the bid alternate on the bid spreadsheet. Steve Copeland and Mike Davis explained the alternates and noted that alternates bid items where identified that could be added later in the project schedule. The project contingency budget is $1.2M.

3.7 Following the discussion, Chairman Smith asked for a motion to approve. Mr. McTeer made the motion, Mr. Peeler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Reconvene Full Board
Statement: Chairman Hendrix reconvened the meeting of the full Board and called on Mr. Smith to present the committee’s report. Mr. Smith noted that eleven Trustees had been present for the Committee’s discussion and were invited to join in the discussion. He then asked for full Board approval to award a contract to M.B. Kahn/Argo Division of Greenville in the amount of $18,476,500 for the CU-ICAR Parking Structure. The Board unanimously approved the awarding of the contract.

Item 5. Adjourn
Statement: The meeting was adjourned at noon.