

**Sauk Valley Community College
June 28, 2021**

Action Item 5.9

Topic: Purchase Approval – John Deere Tractor

Strategic Direction: Goal 1 – Increase Access to Educational Opportunities

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Presentation:

The Sauk Valley Community College Agriculture Program currently farms property both on the college campus and as part of a partnership with Dixon Public Schools. In total, the faculty and students farm approximately 77 acres. This teaching and learning experience has provided students and faculty with a great hands-on experience that aligns with the community's needs and the program's curriculum. Since the program's inception in 2016, the College has partnered with area industry members and dealerships to gain access to equipment to farm the acreage. While this partnership has worked in the short-term, SVCC is at the mercy of when dealers or farmers can loan out equipment, making planting and harvesting times less than ideal. To continue these hands-on farming opportunities and to better meet the needs of the program, Sauk began exploring the option to purchase its own tractor in 2020. Grant opportunities were also pursued to help offset the costs.

The 2018 John Deere 6145M Cab Tractor will be purchased from Prairie State Tractor LLC of Dixon, Illinois for a quoted price of \$106,600 Illinois Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805) and SVCC Board Purchasing Policy (305.01) exempt used equipment purchases from public bid/solicitation requirements. The purchase will be funded through a \$25,000 grant from Compeer Financial and restricted debt certificate proceeds.

Recommendation:

The administration recommends the Board approve the purchase of the 2018 John Deere 6145M Cab Tractor from Prairie State Tractor LLC of Dixon, Illinois for \$106,600 to be paid from \$25,000 of restricted grant funds and \$86,600 of restricted debt certificate proceeds.