Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm.

Overview
Cheryl stated the purpose of the special grants committee meeting was to discuss the details of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant (TAACCT) Round 4. A brief overview of the eligibility and requirements of the grant was given. Details included that the grant is due to be submitted on 07/07/14, the minimal amount requested must be $2,260,000. The two programs considered appropriate for the grant are the Technical Agriculture Service (TAS) program and the Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) program.

Technical Agriculture Service Program
The floor was turned over to Bart Cardwell to explain the plans for the TAS program. Bart gave an overview. The TAS program will offer an Associates of Applied Science degree for Agriculture Retail Services Technician. He stated several areas in which certifications could be earned include but are not limited to Pesticide Handling, Application, and Safety; Certified Crop Advisor; Agriculture Guidance Systems (GPS); Grain Handling; Grain Grading; and Landscape and Turf Fertility Management. Remodeling the sheep and horse barns to facilitate embryo transfer and artificial insemination in sheep was discussed.

Physical Therapy Assistant Program
Rick Edgington discussed the PTA program. There had been a history with area professionals in the health care sector stating a need for the program. Jeanine Deterding stated that there were regulations in the accreditation process that may require a lot of time to set in place. Discussion followed. It was determined that the timeline with the TAACCCT Round 4 grant was not conducive with the PTA accreditation process. Shelly Schulz recommended finding a five year grant to fund the PTA program instead of a three year.

It was decided that the TAACCCT Round 4 grant would focus solely on the TAS program.

Schedule next meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for May 27th, 10:00- Noon.