## FCR 18

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Members, Board of Trustees:

## EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT

## (ROBINSON CENTER FOR APPALACHIAN RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY MULTI-PURPOSE AND PAVILION BUILDINGS) CAPITAL PROJECT

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees ratify the President's approval to initiate the Emergency Replacement (Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability Multi-Purpose and Pavilion Buildings) capital project.

<u>Background</u>: Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, the President may approve the initiation of an emergency capital project with an estimated scope of \$1,000,000 or more, which must then be reported to the Board at its next meeting.

The Robinson Center for Appalachian Resource Sustainability ("Robinson Center") is headquartered at the facility formerly known as the Robinson Station in Quicksand, Breathitt County, Kentucky. The Robinson Center provides many engagement and research opportunities involving the Robinson Forest, the Cooperative Extension Service and the Wood Utilization Center. Four permanent structures sustained extensive damage from the July 27, 2022, flooding in Eastern Kentucky.

The operations and services that were formerly housed in the four structures will be consolidated into two new facilities, a multi-purpose building and a pavilion. The multi-purpose building will include farm research offices, educational meeting areas, storage space and temporary lodging for visiting researchers and university personnel. The 8,400 square foot pavilion will provide space for on-site educational programming and facilitate partnerships with local county extension offices for various programs including 4-H Youth Development, Family Consumer Sciences, Agricultural and Natural Resources, Forestry, Horticulture, Plant and Social Science, Community Arts and others.

Pursuant to KRS §45.750(1)(g), this project qualifies as an Emergency Repair, Maintenance or Replacement Project as it is necessitated by damage resulting from a disaster. Contingent upon approval by the Board, the capital project will be reported to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

This \$2,900,000 project, authorized by the emergency authority, will be funded with insurance reimbursement proceeds.





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