

**Minutes of Meeting
Of the Indiana Region 9
Workforce Board**

Jackson County Learning Center
323 Dupont Drive
Seymour, IN
October 19, 2012
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Phil Harsh, Rick Bryant, Marty Hon, Ron Timms, Mike Busch, Scott Hubbard, Beth Blasdel, and John Burnett.

DWD Staff/Local Elected Officials Present: Dennis Wimer; Deputy Commissioner of Field Operations at DWD, Steve Gault; DWD Program Director, Commissioner Scott McDonough, Commissioner Connie Brown, Commissioner Mark Cash, and Commissioner Paul Franke.

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hon at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present. Bart Brown welcomed the Local Elected Officials and DWD staff to the Board meeting.

II. Discussion/Approval of Prior Minutes

With no request for changes, the August 17, 2012 Board minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Financials:

Carla Crowe reported on financials through September 2012 noting they have not yet been approved by the Executive/Finance Committee. Obligations in the first quarter of WIA allocations were almost reached the budgeted amount. The remaining allocations for the program year will be received soon from DWD.

Funding has been received from AHEC for the youth program to purchase IPADS.

Bart Brown stated that Windstream has temporarily furloughed their employees. Windstream was receiving the vast majority of SESP On-The-Job-Training funding.

Bart Brown briefed the Board regarding Congressional Sequester. On January 3, 2013 all Federal Programs are scheduled to take a 10% cut across the board on funding. There is still discussion on whether Department of Defense will get cut. If not, that could result in a 25% cut for Non-Discretionary funds. With a 10% cut, Mr. Brown estimates our budget to be reduced by \$180,000 - \$200,000. Mr. Brown suggested putting together options to absorb this 10% cut. Chair Hon would like to present these options at the January Board meeting.

Chair Hon requested a motion to approve the September financials. Commissioner Cash made a motion. Director Blasdel seconded the motion. The September financials were approved.

IV. Resolutions

Resolution 2012-13RO & Service Provider Amendment

Bart Brown explained that the State has awarded us \$15,000 for the JAG outreach coordinator duties to be performed. . We would like to split this between the Regional Operator (\$5,000) and the Service Provider (\$10,000). Chair Hon requested a motion to approve Resolution 2012-13. Director Burnett made a motion. Director Hubbard seconded. Motion passed.

V. WIB Update

Bart Brown shared a PowerPoint presentation created by DWD Attorney Connie Berry explaining the WIB membership requirements. A discussion ensued on recruitment of qualified directors to sit on the WIB. Director Bryant introduced Mr. Terry Pitman who will be replacing him on the Board as Director in 2013.

Director Blasdel expressed her concern that the Board had been wrongly advised in the past regarding conflict of interest with past Board member Don Heideman of Ivy Tech. Dennis Wimer stated that a director can still vote on something connected with their organization, but only if they receive no personal gain. Mr. Wimer also stated that DWD will look at all memberships on the WIB to make sure they are in compliance.

Mr. Brown stated that recruitment can start immediately, but the new Directors cannot participate for 6 months. We would like for all new recruitments to attend the May or June Board meeting. Chair Hon suggested waiting until January 2013 to start recruitment. Director Blasdel made the suggestion of having the Executive/Finance Committee work on the staff structure plan and then submit the options to the full Board since there is far too much detail to go through during a Board meeting. Director Busch suggested creating and maintaining an updated list of who is eligible in case a Director needs to resign. Mr. Wimer commented that the State is suggesting the WIBs start functioning in February or March of 2013. Chair Hon asked the Board if they preferred the Executive/Finance committee to work on this, or to have a committee formed. The full Board agreed to have the Executive/Finance Committee work on the staff structure options plan. Chair Hon noted that all Directors are invited to the Executive/Finance Committee meetings.

VI. High Speed Fiber Optics Update:

There will be a presentation at the November Board meeting with ETC to discuss the need of high speed fiber optics in the rural areas of Region 9.

VII. Regional Operator/Service Provider Report

Bart Brown introduced Chancy Shiner who is the new Re-Entry Coordinator for Region 9. Mr. Shiner will be working with the Business Services team to provide training and eligibility for employment for ex-offenders. Mr. Brown announced WorkOne is being provided office space free of charge in the new Switzerland County Technology and Education Center in Vevay. The office will be utilized twice a week. Youth staff Whitney Hollitt will be there on Tuesdays and we have yet to determine which day a staff member for Adult and Dislocated Worker will work from the office.

Margo Olson announced there is an opening for a JAG teacher in Madison, as well as a few Adult and Dislocated Worker openings. Ms. Olson thanked Lissa Griffin for all of her hard work on the YHCC program.

VIII. ECO15

Director Burnett gave a brief update on ECO15. They are in the process of sharing different strategies to build a seamless pipeline for stem based workers. \$5,000,000 will be invested over the next several years with the hopes of leveraging some of those dollars to our Board.

IX. Committee Reports

Youth Committee

Michele Thompson announced that Emily McDarment will be leaving the JAG classroom in Madison. Sara French will be joining the youth team serving Bartholomew and Decatur Counties. JAG Seymour is hosting an Initiation & Installation Ceremony on October 22nd starting at 6:00 pm. All Board members are welcome to attend. Michele Thompson announced that DWD has renegotiated WIA common measures for all programs. The numbers have not been officially released. Dennis Wimer confirmed that new common measure goals will be sent out soon.

X. Other Business

The next Board meeting will be held at Belterra Casino and Resort on November 16th at 10:00.

Chair Hon thanked Dennis Wimer for his email communication with the Board.

Chair Hon asked when the locations of the WorkOne offices were being decided, who made the decision. Director Blasdel answered that the three full service offices were decided by the state and the express offices were set up by the Board Directors, placing them where they thought they were needed.

Director Blasdel stated that Mayor Herbert has asked Decatur County to start MSSC classes. Wanda Heath met with people in Greensburg concerning Indiana WorkOne 2.0 training for businesses that are planning on expanding.

Director Blasdel also wanted to clarify that we intend for WorkOne to be a tenant in The Madison Clearinghouse.

XI. End of Meeting Resolution

Chair Hon requested a motion to accept and ratify all actions of the Board and its members that have occurred since the last meeting. Director Blasdel motioned to accept these actions. Director Bryant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

XII. Adjournment Chair Hon requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Bryant made a motion. Director Hubbard seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.