

**MADISON-BOND-JERSEY-CALHOUN
WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD
September 15, 2021
ZOOM MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Paul Wellhausen called the meeting to order at 8:06AM.

ROLL CALL (taken by roll call list) Quorum Present.

Members Present:

Rosemarie Brown	James McIsaac
Kevin Engelke	Dr. Timothy Schoenecker
Tony Fuhrmann	Gerry Schutzenhofer
Val Harris	Dawn Swift
Dionne Jackson	Mike Toner
John Keller	Paul Wellhausen
Roy Kirkwood	Danielle Wisely

Members Absent:

Shari Albrecht	Charlie Juneau
Chris Blair	Jill Lauchner
Dick Bold	Robert Moore
Alex Gromada	Chad Squier
Chris Johnson	David Stine
Katie Johnson	B. Dean Webb
Andrew Jones	Rob Werden

Guests and Staff Present:

Adam Boudouris	Terry Lane
Alice Bunjan	Vicki Niederhofer
Brian Ellis - DCEO	Chelsea Qualls - DCEO
Tracey Glenn	Kaleb Smith
Rich Heinz	Tony Stephens
Darlene Ladd	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

With no public comment, Paul Wellhausen moved on to the next agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION):

Paul Wellhausen asked for a motion to approve the June 16, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Danielle Wisely and seconded by Val Harris. The minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE & ACTIVITY REPORTS:

Executive Committee: - No Report

Membership & Management Update: - No Report

Madison County American Job Center Consortium & One Stop Operations Committee: - No Report

Communications Update:

Tony Fuhrmann reported we are continuing to work to have more media presence.

Youth Committee: - No Report

Treasurer's Report:

Rich Heinz referenced the Treasurer's Report in the email that Grant for PY'19 closed on June 30th having spent all of the funds. In Title 1-B P'20 we are currently doing better and trying to spend all funds by June 2022. In Title 1-B PY'21 grant just started won no activity to report yet. In title 1-E Rapid Response – we had a short fall, closed out and did not spend all monies due to pandemic but still manage to spend 88% of funds. The Flood Disaster Relief Program grant will expire on 12/31/2021 and we are currently using those funds on workers working in local area pantries. The Workforce Initiatives Service Integration Grant for PY'19 we spent only 90% of the grant again due to pandemic and there were no staff pay increases. The 1-D, Dislocated Worker Employment Recovery Grant we have only spent 6.81% at this point. The Title 1-E, Supply Chain Project, we are still in the early stages with an expiration of 12/31/2022, we have had a bit of a slow start. Finally, Our TAA Grant expires September and we have com

Business Services/Business Engagement:

Tony Fuhrmann reported we are still seeing lots of jobs postings, and we have started hosting hiring events on property again.

Presentation - CTE Kaleb Smith, Director of Madison County Career & Tech Education

Kaleb gave us an overview of CTE – previously known as Vocational Education 9-12, and down to K-8 as career exploration. High Skills, High Wage, High Demand – there are 7 demand skills cluster – “Hands on training” CTE courses – go back to basics/hands on. With CTE there are pathways 9th-10th grade classes are entry level ten they move onto higher level classes.

There are also dual credit options with the programs if the community college has a program alignment, classroom program enhancement, summer camps are also available for enhancement. The goal is to have high school programs align to higher education or to apprenticeships/jobs.

Other Business

Tony Fuhrmann reported that we had to hit 80% obligated funds for the first year and that we hit 80% in Dislocated Workers and Youth but had only hit 72% for Adults, we had to request a waiver from state and it was approved. Tony also stated that we have been working on ways to get people in. We needed to hit 50%

funding spent on Direct Training and with the pandemic, we only had hit 48.5% however, waiver was approved for the Incumbent Workers program.

Alternative digital Credential program is moving along, including hiring new Career Specialist Brooke Frank, we are currently working to promote the programs benefits.

Tony also updated us on the Supply Chain Project stating we have a Career Specialist now working on the regional project. Currently all partners are working together as a cooperative effort.

The following three phases is the current plan:

1 Short term training for frontline employees

2 Coordinate education and training plan with all schools

3 Outreach education to high schools and grade schools – this has actually become phase 1a.

Tony also mentioned that next Wednesday, September 22, 2021 is the Jobs Plus '21 Job Fair at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, we currently have 72 employers signed-up to participate and are hoping for a great turnout. Employers can still register.

IDES open doors to appointments only on August 26th – but for Champaign and Mount Vernon, Belleville opened on September 2, 2021. Dawn is to forward flyer. Appointments are only for identity verification, assistance with Joblink and assistance for employment services. They will run from 20-30 minutes tops. Must have appointment, photo ID. Areas outside of Belleville have drop boxes.

Dionne stated that DRS is still working remotely, they are not seeing in office only out in community.

Val Harris from Lewis & Clark community College just received 3 out of 4 allocations, still pending Community College Board. Also on 10/29 they will host area guidance counselors to help advise students virtually.

Youth Build is partnering with City of Alton, and Habitat for Humanity to build a new home.

College- ROE Fiscal agent for district whole area working too meet mandate for vaccines and testing and working on supply chain.

Next Meeting:

Paul Wellhausen announced that the next WIB meeting would be on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 maybe in person maybe a lunch depends on where COVID protocols are at that time, to be further discussed in mid-November.

Closing and Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Keller, seconded by Val Harris. It was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26am.

Approved By:

Danielle Wisely, WIB Secretary Treasurer