

**MADISON-BOND-JERSEY-CALHOUN
WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD
December 1, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Paul Wellhausen called the meeting to order at 8:05AM.

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

Members Present:

Tony Fuhrmann	Gerry Schuetzenhofer
Val Harris	David Stine
John Keller	Paul Wellhausen
Charlie Juneau	Rob Werden
Dr. Timothy Schoenecker	Danielle Wisely

Members Absent:

Shari Albrecht	Roy Kirkwood
Chris Blair	Katie Johnson
Dick Bold	Andrew Jones
Rosemarie Brown	Jill Lauchner
Kevin Engelke	Chad Squier
Alex Gromada	Dawn Swift
Dionne Jackson	Mike Toner
	B. Dean Webb

Guests and Staff Present:

Rebecca Cowley	Robert A. Masiero (United Way)
Leonard Dollins	Vicki Neiderhofer (Phone)
Darlene Ladd	Congressman John Shimkus
Ethan Lord	Terry Woelfel

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 September 15, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Danielle wisely and seconded by Dr. Timothy Schoenecker. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Presentation – Congressman John Shimkus – shared with us his National Overview of both politics and the status of Washington D.C., and his current position as Professor at Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville in Political Science. Stating he was concerned about the national debt that had gone from 4 Trillion in 1996, up to now almost 30 Trillion. He spoke about Lobbying and a new program called the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) which is helpful due to the Covid Pandemic. He mentioned Aliant out of Houston is doing great work in this field.

COMMITTEE & ACTIVITY REPORTS:

Executive Committee: (ACTION)

Tony Fuhrmann presented four items for full board approval (already approved by the Executive Committee). Tony explained the each of the following items.

1. Corrected MOU for Approval
2. Increase Work Experience Wages from \$12.00 to \$13.00 effective 1/1/2022
3. Increase from \$10,000 to \$12,5000 maximum testing, equipment and uniform funds
4. Policy approval: Associates Degree Programs that are approved on Occupational Demand List/or approved with waiver will also include certificate programs from the same field ex: Associates in Medical Assisting to include Certificate of Proficiency in Medical Assisting.
5. Approval of 2022 LWIB Meeting Schedules

After discussion of the items, Charlie Juneau made a motion to give general consent to the 5 items presented. Gerry Schuetzenhofer seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Membership & Management Update:

Tony Fuhrmann reported there are several members that will need to be replaced, however we are still waiting on reporting for our earlier submission.

Madison County American Job Center Consortium & One Stop Operations Committee:

Darelne Ladd reported that the Local and Regional Plans will be updated in 2022 to identify implications of the COVID-19 pandemic. The MOU Budget narrative will also be updated for 2022.

The Service Integration goals were reviewed for progress. It was determined the previous Service Integration Goals 4, and 8a were met, with continuing implementation.

It has been determined to start working in a new service integration goal, Goal 14, current Labor Market Information. The Consortium will work on ways to blend and utilize LMI across the programs.

Partner Cross training format was discussed with a blended flex training model, allowing Zoom and in person training. It was determined that 2 partners will train in each module providing up to date agency information for front staff,

Partner Snap Shots were distributed to all partners with the revisions they have provided. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

Communications Update:

Tony Fuhrmann mentioned that we are in the Alton Telegraph/Edwardsville Intelligencer weekly. We have a strong working relationship with Scott cousins and he is always helpful with getting articles in the paper.

Youth Committee:

The Youth committee met in November via Zoom. The focus of the November meeting was a discussion regarding Career Days at Edwardsville High School. The event was cancelled last year due to COVID restrictions and the change from in-person to remote learning. Tentative dates have been set for spring of 2022. Once a date is confirmed, the presenters will be notified. The event will be for seniors only due to class size and run the entire day. Next meeting will be January 11, 2022.

Treasurer's Report:

Tony Fuhrmann gave the Treasurer's report in the absence of Rich Heinz, mentioning as far as we know, we met all performance measures for last year. We are currently in need of more customers. We need to spend money to keep the grants coming for future years.

Business Services/Business Engagement:

Tony Fuhrmann introduced Leonard Dollins as the replacement for Sarah Lorio who resigned to stay at home with her baby girls. Leonard has 16 years' experience with Employment & Training as an Education Resource Specialist.

Ethan Lord also spoke about hiring events for GEODIS, FEDEX, and SCF Lewis & Clark Marine. Having lots of supply chain positions.

Other Business

Tony Fuhrmann spoke about Roundtable discussion that were held in October (Manufacturing) and November (Apprenticeships) making note that we now have almost 100 different apprenticeship programs. One of the most recent programs includes a Food Truck apprenticeship, which may be finding a home with the city of Collinsville.

We are still looking for people for the Alternative Digital Credential Project.

Things are moving along nicely for the Supply Chain Grant – with completed contracts with Kaskaskia, Lewis & Clark, and SIUE.

Tony also mentioned that we have started a new project for outreach with media bursts and coming videos.

Darlene reported that IDES has actually started working from our office today. This is only for assistance in the job search, but the IDES Call Line is going to be reinstated for assistance with Unemployment issues soon.

Dionne Jackson from Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) reported DRS is still working remotely. We continue to work with our customers, partners, and stakeholders, daily via technology, or at locations through the community.

Val Harris reported on Lewis & Clark Community College that they recent were on the wrong end of a Security Breach and the college was currently working remotely, with hopes to return to campus the following week. She also mentioned that Dr. Ken Trzaska is transitioning nicely as the new President of LCCC. He is also working with Tony Fuhrmann at the State level Workforce Initiative.

Announcements/Updates

Dr. Timothy Schoenecker announced the SIUE has a new Chancellor – Dr. James Minor

Next Meeting:

Paul Wellhausen announced that the next WIB meeting would be on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 @ 8:00am at this time we are unsure if it will be in person.

Closing and Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gerry Schuetzenhofer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37am.

Approved By:

Danielle Wisely, WIB Secretary Treasurer