

**MADISON-BOND
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MARCH 28, 2013
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair, Gerry Schuetzenhofer, called the meeting to order at 10:33AM.

ROLL CALL (taken already by the roll call list):

Members Present:

Don Abert	Scott Jarmon	Mark Tade
Monica Bristow	Charlie Juneau	Dr. James Underwood
Rosemarie Brown	Ellen Krohne	Chuck Unger
Dr. Robert Daiber	Jack Minner	Paul Wellhausen
Rhonda DeGonia	Jim Pennekamp	Jan Woker
Dr. Gary Giamartino	Jim Pulley	Rod Wolter
Robert Glik	Gerry Schuetzenhofer	
Walter Hunter	David Stoecklin	

Members Absent:

Dr. Dale Chapman	Christopher Johnson	Dale Stewart
Dr. Georgia Costello	Andrew Jones	B. Dean Webb
Carol Foreman	Brenda Walker McCain	Al Womack
Scott Frick	J. Ronald Payton	
Sam Guarino	Laura Reed	
David Holtgrave	Kevin Schmidt	
Dionne Jackson	Joe Stevens	

Guests and Staff Present:

Debbie Angleton	Rich Heinz	Ben Motil
Alice Bunjan	Matt Jones	Kaye O'Dell
Mark Eichenlaub	Bill Knuf	Connie Vick

PUBLIC COMMENT:

With no public comment, Gerry Schuetzenhofer moved on to the next agenda item.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE PRESENTATION:

Ellen Krohne (also WIB member) from the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois gave a presentation on their current economic development initiative entitled *Southwestern Illinois Economic Growth Action Plan*. It is a 2 year plan, based on "Vision 20-20", and focuses on 3 major priorities: Retaining & Expanding Existing Industry, Growing Transportation/Distribution Sector Jobs and Fostering Entrepreneurship & Innovation Capabilities in Southwestern Illinois.

Jim Pennekamp made a motion for the WIB to support the initiative and it was seconded by Monica Bristow. The WIB unanimously approved the motion.

Ellen also mentioned that the Leadership Council recently revived the Regional Economic Development Network and they would be meeting again in April. Before moving on to the next agenda item, Gerry Schuetzenhofer recognized that this would be Mark Tade's last WIB meeting. Mark will be accepting a new position within US Steel at the Gary, Indiana facility. Gerry thanked Mark for his dedicated service and wished him the best on his new move.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION):

A motion was made by Monica Bristow to approve the December 5th, 2013 WIB meeting minutes and it was seconded by Ellen Krohne. The minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee:

Gerry Schuetzenhofer presented the modification to this year's plan and asked for a motion to approve. Charlie Juneau made the motion, seconded by Rosemarie Brown. The modification passed unanimously. Also, Gerry mentioned that the Youth Program Requests For Proposal (RFP) would be announced on March 29th and the RFP will be available starting April 1st. In closing, Gerry, Paul Wellhausen and David Stoecklin gave a brief overview of their recent visit to the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) Annual Forum in Washington, D.C. As part of the visit, Gerry will be sending out a "WIA 101" presentation to all WIB members.

Supporting Economic Development:

Jim Pennekamp reported that the committee continues to work on the Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) efforts and also is working in coordination with the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois on its economic development initiative. The committee meets again on April 9th.

Membership and Management:

Chuck Unger reported that there have been no new additions to the WIB since the last meeting. The committee is still searching for a business member from Bond County and have secured a new consortium agreement from the new Bond County Board Chair Howard Elmore. Also, based on possible new WIA legislation, new business members could be added in the very near future. Chuck also thanked Mark Tade for his contributions to the WIB.

CIMET:

Paul Wellhausen reported that the CIMET Committee met on February 19th. The MOU will be due by the end of May and the partner cost sharing information will go out in April. There was a lot of good discussion about the upcoming Workforce Innovation Funds grant application and also how to better communicate partner services to the business community. It was also decided that the committee would continue to meet on a quarterly basis, but would also meet

via conference call during the months in between. The next meeting will be a conference call on April 9th at 9AM. The minutes from February 19th are in the packet.

Communications:

In Laura Reed's absence, David Stoecklin that the winter edition of the e-newsletter went out March 6th, featuring Rod Wolter as the new Youth Council Chair. Also, a press release was issued announcing the GRWDC scholarship applications.

Youth Council:

Rod Wolter reported that the last youth council meeting was held on January 23rd and Dr. Daiber discussed the 2 career day events at Trimpe Middle School and Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto. The Trimpe event was held on March 20th and 600 6th-8th graders participated. This was the biggest event so far and Rod thanked Connie Vick for all of her hard work and dedication in making the event a big success. The Civic Memorial event is scheduled for May 2nd, with 700 students expected to participate.

Also, Rod mentioned again the Youth Program Requests For Proposals (RFP) and that the committee to assess the proposals will consist of Scott Jarmon, Linda Van Dyke, Kathy Wilson and Alice Bunjan.

Treasurer's Report:

In Dave Holtgrave's absence, Gerry Schuetzenhofer referenced the Treasurer's Report in the WIB packet.

Business Services:

Matt Jones referenced the Business Services Activity Report in the WIB packet, which covers the period of December 5th, 2012 through March 28th, 2013.

Great River Workforce Development Corporation:

Jim Pennekamp reported that the ads for the 2013-14 scholarships have been completed. In the packets are rough drafts of the annual report, which will go out in the next couple of weeks. Jim also took the time to thank all of the individual donors to this year's scholarship fund/annual report and mentioned that scholarship applications will be accepted until June 7th. After that date, a review committee will make the decision on the scholarship award winners.

Other Business:

David Stoecklin referenced the Title 1B Report in the packet. David also discussed the uncertainty regarding WIA budget cuts, especially in light of sequestration. David also mentioned ongoing WIB initiatives throughout the community, including the entrepreneurial program through Granite City High School.

In closing, David mentioned that the Workforce Innovation Funds Grant application would be submitted later today in cooperation with our local education, business, economic development and labor partners. The grant application is for approximately \$1.2 million dollars

and is designed to “innovatively” assist area manufacturers in training skilled workers. News on the grant application should come no later than May of this year.

Next Meeting:

Gerry announced the next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 19th, 2013 at 7:30AM. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville. There is a possibility of holding the meeting at one of our area community colleges.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned (for the awards presentation and luncheon) at 11:25AM.

Approved By:

David Holtgrave
WIB Secretary Treasurer