

**MADISON-BOND-JERSEY-CALHOUN
WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD
June 17, 2020
ZOOM MEETING
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Gerry Schuetzenhofer called the meeting to order at 9:05AM.

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

Members Present:

Kevin Engelke	Kathleen McIntosh
Tony Fuhrmann	James McIssac
Alex Gromada	Tim Schoenecker
Val Harris	Gerry Schuetzenhofer
Dionne Jackson	Mike Toner
Chris Johnson	B. Dean Webb
Andrew Jones	Paul Wellhausen
Charlie Juneau	Rob Werden
John Keller	Danielle Wisely
Jill Lauchner	Rod Wolter

Members Absent:

Shari Albrecht	Dave Lewis
Dick Bold	John Otey
Rosemarie Brown	Chad Squier
Roy Kirkwood	

Guests and Staff Present:

Debra Angleton	Sarah Lorio
Alice Bunjan	Vicki Niederhofer
Bryan Ellis	Wes Pourchot
Rich Heinz	Connie Vick
Terry Lane	

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION):

Gerry Schuetzenhofer asked for a motion to approve the December 4, 2019 & March 19, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Charlie Juneau and seconded by Alex Gromada. The minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE & ACTIVITY REPORTS:**Executive Committee: (ACTION)**

Gerry Schuetzenhofer reported that the committee met on March 19 & May 21, 2020 and the minutes are in the packet. Gerry presented four items for full board approval (already approved by the Executive Committee). Tony Fuhrmann and Debbie Angleton explained the items.

1. Approval of LWIA #22 MOU Narrative & Budget for PY 2020
2. Approval of Approved Classroom Training Providers & Programs
3. Approval of PY 2020 Approved Contracted Youth Providers
4. Approval of PY 2020 WIOA-LWIA 22 Budget & Registrants Plan

After discussion of the items, Chris Johnson made a motion to give general consent to the 4 items presented. Alex Gromada seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. (Val Harris recused herself.)

Membership & Management Update:

Tony Fuhrmann reports that Ed Cunningham resigned from the Board due to a different position with Gateway Medical Center. Also, John Otey is retiring from IDES on August 1, so there are several positions to fill on the Board.

It is time to nominate new officers for the Board that will start on July 1. The nomination for Chair is Paul Wellhausen: for Vice Chair is Danielle Wisely and for Secretary/Treasurer is Charlie Juneau. Gerry asked for any other nominations after Tony explained the officers must be business representatives and have been on the Board for 2 years. A motion was made by Tim Schoenecker to approve the nominations and it was seconded by Val Harris. The motion was approved unanimously.

Madison County American Job Center Consortium:

Paul Wellhausen reported the Consortium met on February 25 & had a combined conference call on May 19 with the One Stop members. The minutes were emailed with the agenda. Connie Vick reported progress on the MOU & sent it to all of the partners for review. Then, after obtaining signatures & approval from the WIB, the narrative & budget will be sent into the State by June 30. She also informed the members about the service integration goals & plans during the next several months to accomplish them. Tony Fuhrmann announced a grant for service integration was awarded for \$36,880.00 to the One Stop Center. A new position of Career Navigator will be hired soon to assist customers in the Center's resource area. Debbie Angleton asked for the Consortium to consider renewing the consultant contract for Connie Vick for another year starting July 1. It was approved by the members after Connie was excused from the meeting. The next meeting on Tuesday, August 25 at 9:00am.

One-Stop Operations Committee:

Paul reported the One-Stop Operations Committee also met on February 25 & May 19. The minutes were emailed with the agenda. The May 19 meeting was a conference call & a joint meeting with the Consortium members. Darlene Ladd reported on the partner staff cross training sessions that have occurred & plans for future workshops. Debbie Angleton informed the members about the Regional & Local Plans that were emailed out for public comment. After the WIB approves them in March, the plans will be submitted to the State by March 31. Several members shared customer success stories. The next meeting is on Tuesday, August 25 at 9:30am.

Communications Update:

Tony Fuhrmann reports there will be a press release about our reopening when the date is determined.

Youth Committee:

Debbie Angleton reported the Youth Committee met on Wednesday, January 15 & May 14. The minutes were emailed with agenda. Rob Werden explained the plans for the Career Day on March 25 at Edwardsville High School for the senior class, however, unfortunately, it was cancelled due to the COVID shelter in place policy. Hopefully, next year, we can try again. Thanks to Rob & Kristen Hale for all of their work coordinating this event. In school & out of school youth program provider budgets were reviewed & approved for renewal for PY 2020. Next year, there will be a new RFP for youth providers to apply again. Tony Fuhrmann reported the youth allocation for PY 2020 was increased by \$240,663.00 with a total of \$894,496.00 for this new year. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 9:00am.

Treasurer's Report:

Rich Heinz referenced the Treasurer's Report in the packet which shows the WIOA financial summary and asked for any questions. The PY 2018 grant is fully expended, so the PY 2019 grant is now getting underway. The Incentive grant still has funds left to spend, however, Tony mentioned that there will be no incentive money this year because it is going towards the State COVID programs. The Trade grant for PY 2018 will be ending on September 30, 2020.

Business Services/Business Engagement:

Sarah Ray Lorio explained she is working with businesses virtually. Starting today, there is a St. Louis Virtual Job Fair that we are in partnership with the Missouri workforce offices. On Illinois workNet, there are virtual job booths available for employers to recruit applicants. Sarah asks for any feedback on any of these virtual platforms. Our office is currently updating our website to make it more user friendly.

Core Partner Updates:

Tony Fuhrmann referenced the Title 1B report in the packet and reported that the performance measures are exceeding in every measure. Our actual numbers for dislocated workers & youth are down some but the adult numbers exceeded the plan. There were 2,385 customers that have visited the resource center since July 1, 2019.

In the packet, is the One Stop Center Customer Satisfaction Survey Report for 1st quarter of 2020. The sample shows that the majority of customers are pleased with the services they received and gave good comments for resource room staff.

The apprenticeship grant program were making progress before the COVID crisis. The second round of grants totaling \$600,000 have not been awarded.

Our office received a Service Integrations grant of \$36,880. We have posted a Career Navigator position for the one stop resource center who will assist customers in their job & career search.

Our office also received a Flood Grant for \$265,000 to hire workers to clean up flood damaged areas in Jersey & Calhoun Counties. There currently are 5 workers in Jersey County & 4 in Calhoun County.

Tony discussed the reopening plans for the 3 offices. The Greenville office is closed due to its location in Kaskaskia College which shut down on March 16. There has been no opening date announced by Kaskaskia, so our staff person Kaye O'Dell is working out of the Wood River office. The Jerseyville office is closed to the public but our staff person, Carolyn Taviner, has been in the office every day. This office may be open to the public by July 1.

The Wood River One Stop Center is planning on opening July 1 to the public, however, the entrance doors were replaced & there are holes in the floor where the automatic pads were located. We are waiting for the County maintenance to fill in the holes. The plan is for 4 customers to be scheduled to come in by appointment at one time to use the resource area for a 90 minute period. After sanitizing, the next group of 4 will be scheduled to come in.

Tony also mentioned the virtual job fairs & the State has a website www.illinois.gov/GetHired for job seekers. The State has offered free online IT classes through Coursera. This is available until December 31.

John Otey from IDES was not available for the meeting due to his upcoming retirement.

Dionne Jackson from Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) reports her East Alton office has served 2000 customers in their vocational rehabilitation programs & the home health programs. For the past program year, there have been 147 successful customers in unsubsidized employment for at least 90 days.

Val Harris from Lewis & Clark Community College (LCCC) represents the Adult Education programs reports there were 263 students enrolled in GED classes. This is less than last year due to COVID crisis. Nineteen completed their GED certificate, however, the number is down due to the GED testing was shut down.

The program Bridge to Warehousing started in April as an online course & will finish soon. A new project called solar training started the end of May.

Terry Lane mentioned that LCCC is working with students to help them finish their spring classes.

Next Meeting:

Gerry Schuetzenhofer announced that the next WIB meeting would be on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 @ 8:00am with the location to be determined.

Closing and Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00am.

Approved By:

Danielle Wisely, WIB Secretary Treasurer