

**MADISON-BOND-JERSEY-CALHOUN  
WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD  
September 16, 2020  
ZOOM MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Paul Wellhausen called the meeting to order at 8:03AM.

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

**Members Present:**

Rosemarie Brown	Jill Lauchner
Kevin Engelke	James Mclsaac
Tony Fuhrmann	Tim Schoenecker
Alex Gromada	Gerry Schuetzenhofer
Val Harris	Mike Toner
Chris Johnson	Paul Wellhausen
Charles Juneau	Danielle Wisely
John Keller	

**Members Absent:**

Shari Albrecht	Roy Kirkwood
Dick Bold	Chad Squier
Dionne Jackson	Dean Webb
Andrew Jones	Rob Werden

**Guests and Staff Present:**

Debra Angleton	Darlene Ladd
Terry Biggs	Terry Lane
Greg Brown	Becky Marshall
Alice Bunjan	Vicki Niederhofer
Rich Heinz	Dawn Swift
	Connie Vick

**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 17, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Alex Gromada and seconded by Rosemarie Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **COMMITTEE & ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

### **Executive Committee: (ACTION)**

Paul Wellhausen reported that the committee met on August 6, 2020 and the minutes are in the packet. Paul presented five items for full board approval (already approved by the Executive Committee). Debbie Angleton explained the items.

1. Approval of Regional & Local Plan Revisions
2. Approval of PY 2020 ITA Policy
3. Approval of Training Program at St. Louis Community College- Associate Degree in Nursing
4. Approval of Training Program at New Horizons-Microsoft Azure Expert Program for Technical IT Managers (individual only)
5. Approval of Training Program at Ranken Technical College- Fabrication & Welding Technology Certificates

After discussion of the items, Rosemarie Brown made a motion to give general consent to the 5 items presented. Tim Schoenecker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **Membership & Management Update:**

Tony Fuhrmann reported that Rod Wolter, Kathleen McIntosh, John Otey & Dave Lewis resigned from the Board due to retirements. So, there are several positions to fill on the Board. Tony mentioned that Rod had been a member for over 20 years.

The One Stop Operations Committee has a new chair due to Paul moving up to the WIB chair. The new Committee chair is Rosemarie Brown who already is on the Committee. A new Youth Committee chair is needed due to Rod's retirement.

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

Rosemarie Brown reported the Consortium & Committee had a combined conference call on August 25. The minutes were emailed with the agenda. Connie Vick submitted the matrix of partner benefits & the matrix of MOU tracking costs for the last 6 months. They were both approved. Debbie Angleton reported on the progress of the service integration goals & that Kim Bruns is now the Career Navigator for the One Stop Center in Wood River. There were several partner forms that were presented for feedback from the members. They were approved. Darlene reported the Wood River Office is open by appointment only. Individual health screenings are done along with supplying a visitor's pass. Workshops & orientations are now held through virtual technology. Daniel Kuehnert of Land of Lincoln announced a virtual expungement event will be held the week of Sept. 21 through Facebook Live. Val Harris of Lewis & Clark & Torrin Suedmeyer of SWIC reported hybrid classes have started at their respective campuses. The colleges are working with their students to assist them during this COVID crisis. The next meeting on Tuesday, November 17 at 9:00am.

**Communications Update:**

Tony Fuhrmann reported there have been several newspaper articles about different grant awards & services offered at our offices. We are marketing to people that we are open. Tim Schoenecker asked about a comparison of our resource room numbers between pre-COVID & post-COVID. Tony replied our numbers are way down after we opened on July 1.

**Youth Committee:**

Debbie Angleton explained the committee did not meet in August. The next meeting is scheduled on November 4.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rich Heinz referenced the Treasurer's Report in the packet which shows the WIOA financial summary and asked for any questions. There were final closeout reports for WIOA PY 2018 and the WIOA Incentive grants. The remaining grants are on track with the budget & expenditures.

**Business Services/Business Engagement:**

Becky Marshall reported our office is working remotely with businesses to assist with job openings. Currently, the 30<sup>th</sup> Jobs Plus Fair is being finalized. It will be a 2 day event. On September 22, it will be virtual job fair through Illinois workNet and on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the fair will be a drive thru event at Gateway Convention Center. There are 9 employers signed up so far. Tony Fuhrmann wanted to thank the City of Collinsville for waiving the fees for the use of their parking lot.

**Presentation about the Future of Higher Education:**

Dean Tim Schoenecker of SIUE presented his ideas of higher education in a post pandemic world. He reported the 10<sup>th</sup> day of fall enrollments for SIUE was down 10%, however, there is high number of graduate students and nursing students. The School of Business had changed many of their courses to online before the COVID crisis to make it easier for working students to obtain their Masters in Business. This fall semester the university has over 70% of the courses as partial or fully online. The pandemic has put a spotlight on higher education's cost problem. Terry Lane added that Lewis & Clark Community College's fall enrollment is down 10%.

**Core Partner Updates:**

Tony Fuhrmann pointed out the Customer Satisfaction Survey & noted there are few completed surveys due to the low numbers of customers. However, the responses were favorable. He also referenced the Title 1B report in the packet and reported that the PY 2019 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 2,696 customers that have visited the resource center since July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The apprenticeship expansion grant program was awarded an additional \$627,000 this year. This grant covers our local area of 4 counties & St. Clair with their surrounding 4 counties. Our region is in the top of State for receiving these grants.

Another joint grant was awarded under the Federal Emergency Grant for \$1.5 million. This grant is for developing & using digital badges for different skill certifications at SIUE.

We are also working with a Chicago organization on a Supply Chain Management Pilot Project. It will enroll 60 customers into short term training in the logistics field.

Last, our office received a \$5,000 technology grant from Ameren to purchase 3 laptops & 5 scanners for the staff to use with customers. Thanks to our staff member, Tina Leonard for initiating this opportunity.

Dawn Swift from IDES informs the members that all staff continue to work on unemployment claims. The staff person that was stationed in Wood River, is now in the Belleville IDES office during the COVID crisis. She is contacting at least 30 UI customers per month & conducting the reemployment workshop by phone.

Dionne Jackson from Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) was not available.

Val Harris from Lewis & Clark Community College (LCCC) represents the Adult Education programs reports the Adult Ed classes are a hybrid blend of in person & online classes. They are offering now monthly enrollments into GED classes. The Youth Build program has another enrollment date in October. Also, in October, the Bridge to Warehousing is offering a solar training program.

LCCC is starting a 12 week option for students getting a late start into the fall semester.

**Announcements:** Tony announced Rich Heinz had his 42<sup>nd</sup> work anniversary in September. Congratulations to Rich.

**Next Meeting:**

Paul Wellhausen announced that the next WIB meeting would be on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 @ 8:00am through Zoom.

**Closing and Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12am.

*Approved By:*

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*Danielle Wisely, WIB Secretary Treasurer*