

**MADISON-BOND  
WORKFORCE INNOVATION BOARD  
March 20, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ROLL CALL (taken already by roll call list)** Quorum Present. All members introduced themselves and explained their business/organization.

**Members Present:**

Dick Bold	Roy Kirkwood
Rosemarie Brown	Kathleen McIntosh
Kevin Engelke	James McIsaac
Tony Fuhrmann	John Otey
Alex Gromada	Timothy Schoenecker
Val Harris	Mike Toner
Dionne Jackson	Paul Wellhausen
Chris Johnson	Danielle Wisely
Andrew Jones	Jan Woker
Charles Juneau	Rod Wolter
John Keller	

**Members Absent:**

Ed Cunningham	Gerry Schuetzenhofer
Robert Daiber	B. Dean Webb

**Guests and Staff Present:**

Shari Albrecht	Darlene Ladd
Debbie Angleton	Terry Lane
Greg Brown	Sarah Lorio
Howard Elmore	Lee Reese
Rich Heinz	Dawn Swift

**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 December 12, 2018 meeting minutes. The motion was made by Charles Juneau and seconded by Kathleen McIntosh. The minutes were unanimously approved.

## **COMMITTEE & ACTIVITY REPORTS:**

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

Paul Wellhausen reported that the committee met on January 24 & March 14 and the minutes are in the packet. Paul presented 1 item for full board approval (already approved by the Executive Committee):

1. Approval of Lewis & Clark Community College Web Design & Development Associate Degree (60 credits)  
Total cost: \$12,380; Length: 2 years  
With no objections, the training program was approved by general consent.

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

Tony Fuhrmann reported several Board members have resigned: Dave Holtgrave has retired from his business; Ronda Sauget resigned to meeting conflicts; and Sam Guarino resigned due to health reasons. A replacement for the Economic Development sector position on the Board, would be Shari Albrecht who is the Director of Jerseyville Economic Development Council. The other Board positions will be filled on July 1 with recommendations from Jersey & Calhoun County Board Chairs.

The Executive Committee recommended & approved the position of Secretary/Treasurer to be filled by Danielle Wisely. A motion was made by Tim Schoenecker and seconded by Rosemarie Brown. It was unanimously approved.

### **Madison County American Job Center Consortium**

Rosemarie Brown reported the Consortium met on February 26 to discuss the partner service integration timeline in the One Stop Center and the WIOA Summit in April to further develop the requirement. The Land of Lincoln Legal Aid will have a paralegal staff person at this center every other Wednesday offering services to customers who have barriers to employment, such as expunging a felony criminal record.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 21 at 9:00am.

### **One-Stop Operations Committee:**

Rosemarie reported the One-Stop Operations Committee also met on February 26 and the minutes were emailed with the agenda. Connie Vick presented the 2019 MOU budget draft with very few changes. The only additional cost was the purchase of 9 computers for the resource area due to meeting Windows 10 operating system requirements. Starting on April 1, a One Stop Partner power point will be shown at the orientations to define services & contact information about partners. The next meeting is on Tuesday, May 21 at 10:00am

### **Communications Update:**

Tony Fuhrmann referenced to an article in the packet that is from the front page of the Illinois Business Journal. It is about Jersey & Calhoun Counties realigning with Madison County to be part of the same State economic development region. This will be in time for the development of the Mid-American International Gateway Business Park in Jersey County.

**Youth Committee:**

Rod Wolter informed the Board that the Youth Committee met on Wednesday, January 16 and the minutes were emailed with agenda. Taylor Donohoo representing Dr. Daiber announced the Youth Career Days will involve Granite City Middle School & High School in the spring. Speakers from various occupations will be presenting for 30 minutes about their jobs to small groups of interested students. The Career Days will be held at the SWIC Granite City campus on March 29 and May 10.

In school & out of school youth program requests for proposals for PY 2019 were released on March 11. The requests will be available for 30 days at the Madison County Administration Services. Every 2 years new youth program requests need to be issued & approved. Proposals are due April 11. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 9:00am.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Danielle Wisely referenced the Treasurer's Report in the packet which shows the WIOA financial summary and asked for any questions. Rich Heinz added that we need to move funds to the Adult category from the Dislocated Worker budget due to low numbers of dislocated workers in the programs.

**Business Services/Business Engagement:**

Sarah Ray Lorio informed the committee that incumbent worker training may increase in order to use the Dislocated Worker funds. She announced a new Business Service Representative position was added to our office & Becky Marshall has been selected to fill the position. Becky has worked for the department as a Career Specialist for 8 years. She has been recruiting applicants for the apprenticeship grant at the National Corn to Ethanol Research Center (NCERC).

**Presentation of Soft Skills Video:**

Tony gave an introduction of the soft skills video that was a collaborative effort with Paul Wellhausen, Rosemarie Brown, Sarah Lorio and Tony. The 24 minute video was shown to the Board. Ron Painter who is the national president of National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) gave the introduction and 14 other business leaders followed him discussing various topics relating to soft skills. The video was well received after the viewing & had many favorable comments. Paul commended Rosemarie of the Southwest Chamber of Commerce, business leaders and the Madison County Employment & Training Department. Many asked for the access to the video & requested CDs. Rosemarie replied the video will be available to the public & she will be coordinating with the Channel 9 Network for their American Graduate program. A premier is set for April 11 in Granite City. A question from Charlie Juneau was who paid for the production of the video. Tony replied that WIOA incentive funds from PY 2018 paid for it.

**Other Business:**

Tony Fuhrmann referenced the Title 1B report in the packet and reported that the performance measures are exceeding in every measurement except the Dislocated Worker Credential Rate. This is due to laid off workers dropping their training when they were recalled to US Steel. Since many of them work shift work, they could not continue to attend school. The number of actual

registrants is up over the planned levels. There were 2500 customers that have visited the resource center since July 1.

In the packet, is the One Stop Center Customer Satisfaction Survey Report for 1st quarter of 2019. The sample shows that the majority of customers are pleased with the services they received and gave good comments for resource room staff.

On February 21, Tony attended a meeting in St. Charles, MO to meet the Department of Labor Secretary Acosta along with 6 other WIOA regional directors. The Secretary commented this is first meeting he has attended in 2 years where there is bi-state coordination & collaboration.

Tony announced the Apprenticeship grant of \$400,000 is underway. He introduced Lee Reese who is the grant navigator & has been contacting businesses to inform them about services.

One part of the grant is working with Southern Illinois Healthcare to identify their Certified Nurse's Aides, so they can become a medical assistant apprentice. There is a demand for medical assistants. There is another health care organization that is also interested in this apprenticeship.

Another part of the grant is coordinating National Corn to Ethanol Research Center (NCERC) with Lewis & Clark Community College in the process operations program. Starting early May, apprenticeships will start at NCERC & the classes will start this fall semester.

Tony reported the intergovernmental agreements have been signed by the 4 county board chairs to add Jersey & Calhoun to Madison & Bond workforce area, LWIA 22. Next step is approval by the Illinois State Workforce Board by June. Under the agreement, the office in Jerseyville will remain open with the 2 current staff members. With these counties added, the Madison-Bond Workforce Innovation Board will need to re-name itself. Tony asked members for any suggestions to send to him.

#### **Core Partner Updates:**

John Otey from IDES reports great success with the joint hiring events here at the Center. One business, Geodis attracts 50 to 60 applicants each time. The Census Bureau is wanting to hire 2000 workers for Madison & St. Clair Counties & has been taking applications here. John commented that he would like to send the soft skills video to the IDES Deputy Director, so they could share it at their workshops throughout the state.

Dionne Jackson from Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) said her agency recently had a customer with Asbergers who attends SIUE in communications get hired by Netflix. She added a suggestion that the next soft skills video may want to have a person with a disability as a speaker.

Val Harris from Lewis & Clark Community College (LCCC) represents the Adult Education programs also for SWIC & Kaskaskia College. These programs assist people complete their secondary education. In the Bridge to Warehousing program, there were 8 students. So far, 2 are employed & 2 are going onto truck driving training. The next class starts May 6. LCCC adult education graduation is set for Jun 13.

Under Other Business, Tony Fuhrmann pointed out the WIB membership list in the packet. He informed the members about Northpoint which is a new business & retail development south of 270 & east of Rt. 111. There could be possibly 7,000 to 10,000 jobs.

Terry Lane announced the LCCC job fair is April 3. Many businesses have signed up. He also mentioned there will be a Department of Veteran Affairs office opening up in the Carlinville One Stop Center.

John Keller announced that LCCC is having a spring career signing day for high school students that are going to attend LCCC in the fall.

**Next Meeting:**

Paul Wellhausen announced that the next WIB meeting will be on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 @ 8:00am at the Wood River Manley Auditorium.

**Closing and Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Keller & seconded by Charlie Juneau. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30AM

Approved By:



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Danielle Wisely, WIB Secretary Treasurer