

**VERMILION COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2006 (1:00 PM)  
Vermilion County Court House Annex, 6 N. Vermilion Danville, IL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Fauver Lisa Fudge Judy Phillippe Dee Ann Ryan  
Tom Szott

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chuck Brooks Linda Federman

**GUEST/PROXIES/STAFF:** Lori Brewster

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair, Jeff Fauver, called the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Agenda was amended to add Action Item: IL Workforce Development Conference Award Nominees. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended was made by Tom Szott, seconded by Dee Ann Ryan. Approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – A motion to approve the July, 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 meeting minutes as presented was made by Dee Ann Ryan, seconded by Lisa Fudge. Approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Executive Committee**

**Discussion and Approval: DOL Grant/Letter of Support** – Fauver informed that DACC is applying for a Department of Labor Grant and needs a letter of support from the VCWIB. Included in the meeting packet is the letter of support. Brewster reported she had put together some comments and suggestions after reviewing the grant. The grant is looking for supportive services for 30 individuals. Brewster explained that it is a Grant was from the Department of Labor which allows the college to build their curriculum, which is what CSSI did not allow for the colleges to do. This is a great initiative, Brewster was glad that the colleges were working on the initiative. Brewster reviewed with committee concerns regarding the grant and the VCWIB's participation. The grant is for Community Colleges, the One-Stop Partners and the Workforce Investment Board. The Community Colleges have been working on the grant since July 2005, the VCWIB just found out about the grant a little over a week ago. Brewster suggested that the Board needs to be at the table and needs to clarify that Brewster and any other representative the Board chooses will be at the table in the future. Fudge questioned if this is a grant that the Board knew nothing about and has not been at the table. Brewster responded yes. Fauver stated that the Board has a concern about supportive funds and the clientele being WIA eligible and being backed into something within the grant and what WIA funds were being committed the grant is due August 29, 2006. Fudge asked why the WIB just found out. Brewster responded that DACC has been involved and that the Decatur WIB did ask where the VCWIB was at. Honorable Boyer stated that it is a concern that the Board was not at the table. DACC sent a letter of support to Honorable Boyer and requesting figures to be plugged in and the Board knew nothing about the grant. The VCWIB found out about the grant because the VCWIB grant writer identified the grant, called individuals together from the college to discuss the grant and found out that DACC was already working on the grant. Fauver informed this was the grant that Dr. Jacobs had asked a letter of support for at the WIB meeting in July. The Board did not know about the grant at that time. Brewster informed that

she would send her comments and any comments that come out of today's meeting to Randy Fletcher. Brewster had spoken with Fletcher that morning, Fletcher seemed willing to make adjustments and to work together. Motion to approve the Letter of Support for DACC's application for the DOL grant was made by Judy Phillippe, seconded by Dee Ann Ryan. Approved by a voice vote. Tom Szott abstained. Motion carried.

**CSSI Update** – Brewster reported that Vermilion County is the only LWIA that had participants in the Early Bird for the Region. A progress report was sent to the State from LWIA 18, which was positive.

The Calendar Year nursing initiative, Parkland was to have 26 participants and DACC was to have 26 participants, which is how 52 participants was arrived at. Champaign has over enrolled so Vermilion County will only have 9 participants in the program. Fudge asked if there was any recourse. Brewster informed that Vermilion Co. had a meeting with the State. The State felt that Champaign should be given a chance to do better. The State suggested that the LWIA's draft a MOU. Gary Eiken with DCEO, Lori Brewster, Brian Hensgen, Al Anderson, JoAnne Freeman met to discuss an MOU. Champaign was to have a draft copy of the MOU to Vermilion Co. by August 11, 2006, Vermilion Co. has received nothing. Jeff has asked that Lori send a reminder to Champaign copying the State on the email. Brewster announced that the LWIA's did set a calendar for quarterly meetings the first meeting will be in Danville on September 26, 2006 to review who is enrolled, the number of participants and performance measures. Brewster informed that Al Anderson stopped Brewster as she was leaving the meeting and voiced concerns of how Vermilion Co. was getting the State involved and Anderson did not appreciate Brian Hensgen contacting Kim Kuchenbrod, who contacted Todd Lee to have a discussion with Al Anderson on some of the situations in Vermilion County in receiving money from Champaign. Brewster reported that she knew nothing of the meeting with Kim Kuchenbrod or Todd Lee and felt that Hensgen should have kept the WIB informed. Fudge highlighted some of the things she went through when working with Champaign and the lack of cooperation from Champaign from the beginning.

**Action Item: IL Workforce Development Award Nominations** - Vermilion County Job Training Partnership has submitted a nomination for an Individual Achievement Award and a nomination for Outstanding Youth Program, which are included in the meeting packet. Motion to approve the nominations as presented was made by Dee Ann Ryan, seconded by Judy Phillippe. Approved by a voice vote. Tom Szott abstained. Motion carried.

**Youth Council – Action Item Membership** – Motion to approve Frank Brunacci Youth Council Membership to the WIB was made by Lisa Fudge, seconded by Tom Szott. Approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried. Ryan reported that the Youth Council was working on an exercise with the project for kids with undiagnosed disabilities. Next meeting is September 12, 2006.

**Accountability Committee** – Brewster reported that the Accountability Committee did meet. The Committee discussed the over expenditures. DACC would cover the over expenditures. The Committee had not received the final year end report from DACC, however it appeared that the Board would be returning funds to JTP. Leslie Diedrich attended the meeting and reviewed some grant opportunities that had been identified. The TAT grant is available and the committee requested ideas for the opportunity. Honorable Boyer commented that when Vermilion County met with the State, the second half of the meeting was discussing the over

expenditures.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** – Committee did not meet. The Committee is still working on the Cost Allocation. Szott has been insisting on numbers in writing. There has been some inaccuracies identified in the cost allocation. Next meeting September 14, 2006

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** – The Committee will meet before the next meeting. There are still 3 vacancies that need to be filled and the slate of officers will be approved.

**APPROVAL OF WIB AGENDA** – No agenda this month.

**COMMENTS** – Brewster reported that Jack Lavin gave a presentation to IWP in July regarding globalization and how it is affecting Illinois and that Lavin does support local workforce areas and local control. IWP did request an outline of the 15% funds for when speaking to legislatives. Jessie Jackson Jr. gave a presentation to IWP in August and talked about northern Chicago has transferred over to the service industry and how he was working to attract service industry to the southern suburbs of Chicago. Jackson also spoke on his support to the WIA System.

**NEXT MEETING** – Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 1:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Szott, seconded by Lisa Fudge. Approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.