

VERMILION COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON THURSDAY JULY 26, 2007 AT 3:00 PM
DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2000 E. MAIN STREET DANVILLE, IL
VERMILION HALL 3RD FLOOR

MEMBERS PRESENT:	John Alexander	Jim Anderson	Roger Boen
Chuck Brooks	Frank Brunacci	Phearn Butler	Terri Cassem
Michael Dodge	Linda Federman	Brian Hensgen	Greg Hilleary
Amy Hoose	Richard Kochvar	Peggy Kunze	Lisa Masengale-Acton
Mike Metzen	Carol Nichols	Shannon Ruh	Tom Szott

MEMBERS ABSENT:	Aletha Alexander	Tyrie Baltimore	Christine Cornell
Kay Dequimpal	Crissy Duitsman	David Elliott	Jeff Fauver
Lisa Fudge	Kris Hord	Jeanne Housholder	Gary Ludwig
Lynn Mollica	Mike O'Brien	Mike O'Donnell	Parsottam Patel
Janet Payne	Judy Phillippe	Tricia Richardson	Eloy Salazar
Angela Smith			

GUEST/PROXIES/STAFF: Tracy Wahlfeldt Proxy for Vicki Haughn
Sara Van DeWalker Proxy for Alice Jacobs Nancy Boesdorfer Proxy for Dave Kietzmann
Muriel Barnes Proxy for Ed Michaels Lori Brewster Jonathan Jett
JoAnn Reynolds

CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION – WIB Chair Peggy Kunze called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Kunze thanked the Board Members for taking time out of their busy day and welcomed new members Shannon Ruh and Roger Boen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Kunze announced that the Agenda needed to be amended to remove Action Item – One Stop Operator until further review. Szott clarified that there was confusion regarding Dr. Jacobs and that records needed to be reviewed going back 6 years. There was not time to do that before the meeting. A motion to approve the agenda with amendment was made by Tom Szott, seconded by Greg Hilleary and approved by a voice vote, with an opposing vote made by Chuck Brooks. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Kunze informed that Terri Cassem was present at the last meeting and the minutes needed to be amended to show that. A motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2007 meeting as amended was made by Greg Hilleary, seconded by Carol Nichols and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS FOR APPROVAL – Peggy Kunze asked if there were any items that need to be removed from the consent items. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items: Illinois Workforce Award Nominations, WIA Youth Program Funding and WIA Title I Program 2007-2008 Plan & Proposed Performance was made by Chuck Brooks, seconded by Greg Hilleary and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee:

Chuck Brooks reviewed WIB Budget 07-01-06 through 06-30-07, the WIB /JTP Grant funding 07-01-06 through 06-30-07, the Final Projected JTP Numbers and by line item the proposed 07-01-2007 through 06-30-2008 budget. Anderson asked for clarification on what dues the Board pays. Brewster responded the IWP Dues and National Association of Workforce Board Dues (NAWB). Brewster explained that by paying the NAWB dues, there was a significant discount when paying the conference dues. Anderson asked for clarification on the structure of the rent. Brewster responded that the WIB renews the lease annually through the MOU process and that IDES being the lease holder has a long term agreement. Motion to approve budget as presented was made by Chuck Brooks, seconded by Jim Anderson and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

Accountability Committee: Brooks reported that Brewster and Brooks are still working with Brian on JTP modification reports to stay in compliance with the State.

Youth Council:

There was no report.

Workforce Development Committee:

Tom Szott reported that the One-Stop Open House is scheduled for August 28, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There is a sub-committee working on the Open House planning. There was discussion on Career Cruising software, the contract was up for renewal. The Committee voted not to renew the contract due to the cost and the low usage along with VVEDS is considering a different program. The reason Career Cruising was brought into the One-Stop was to help partner with VVEDS and those in the community that graduate, would still have access to Career Cruising. Included in the packet are the Customer Service Record and the Traffic Report for May and June. There was discussion on how the traffic compared to last year and previous months. Brewster responded that with the old traffic report there were normally 1,800 to 2,000 monthly. Brewster would compile the monthly report and submit information out.

Board Development Committee:

Brewster thanked all the Public Sector and Private Sector whose term ended June 30th, 2007 for returning their paperwork / membership forms in a timely manner to the County Board office. The renewal of terms went before the County Board ahead of the State deadline.

Brewster reported that Brian Hensgen, Jonathan Jett and she have been participating in webinars with Illinois workNet trying to get things up and running in the area.

OTHER BUSINESS:

WIB MEMBER REPORT (OPPORTUNITY):

Kunze announced that DACC is providing training for employees at Walgreens Accounting Center. The training is needed to keep the employees ready for new challenges and helps to keep Walgreen's strong for additional employees. Walgreen's is in hopes to grow 200 new positions this year. JTP has partnered and is helping to pay for the training. Walgreens is paying for only a portion of the training. The CFO of Walgreens was present last week and spoke with the employees going through the training and was very pleased with the outcomes and wants to send

more employees through the training. Kunze thanked JTP and DACC for helping to meet the needs of ongoing training. Kunze suggested that if any other employers have ongoing training needs to support their workforce to talk with Jonathan Jett at JTP.

A tour of the Career Lab is immediately following the meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brewster reported out at the July IWP meeting Byron Zuidema the regional representative with the Department of Labor was present to report out. The State plan was approved. All plans were approved across the country. All waivers were approved except the One - Stop waiver, there was discussion regarding the flexibility for locals to establish the One-Stop when not all partners have a present in the one-stop. It is a local decision whether the partner is co-located or not. Zuidema did not expect the WIA reauthorization to happen until the new administration. And the State of Illinois has the lowest performance goals in the 10 – state regions. Illinois meets their goal, but the goals stay low. The 50 states have not been computed, so there is only a comparison to the 10 states. The State of Illinois will be meeting with Department of Labor to discuss raising the Performance Goals. There were 39 projects for the WIRE Grants issued none of which Illinois received but there were 12 in the 10 state regions.

IWP is still meeting with the Task force to develop common ground with the State Plan. There was a rescission of 35 million U.S. Congress passed for WIA, we have been asked to submit a letter to restore a rescission in the conference. NWA also adopted IWP's white paper, NWA has been invited to testify on the sub-committee to testify on the reauthorization and make recommendations.

On September 18th the Vermilion County Workforce Investment Board has been invited to partner in a Community Forum with Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. The Center for Tax and Budget Accountability partnered with Northern Illinois University and has put together a report on the State of Illinois. What the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability is wanting to get out of the forum is working in this community what are the various things going on, where are the gaps and what are the potential needs of the community and what needs to be done, and what are the new innovative ways to partner. Brewster was working on gathering panelists for the forum. The Forum is scheduled for September 18th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the U of I Extension building.

Natasha Telger with Illinois workNet was present to give a presentation on Illinois workNet. Telger gave an overview Illinois workNet, the implementation in LWIA 18, the resources and information for employers, job seekers and partners.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 27, 2007 at Court House Annex in the County Board Room Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Federman, seconded by Amy Hoose and approved by a unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.