

Workforce Development Board of Western Missouri, Inc.
Full Board Minutes
March 23, 2022

The Workforce Development Board of Western Missouri, Inc. met on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 via teleconference at 1:00 p.m.

Board members present were Gabe Jones, Alan Ayres, Jim Kilby, Melissa Murry, Laura Wallen, Dr. Brent Bates, Jessica Craig, Ben McFarlin, Chris Connell, Suzie Brodersen, Kim Kendrick, Tommy Hampton, Chris Green, Tami Green, Michael Schubach and Cara Canon. Bates County Presiding Commissioner was also in attendance. WDB staff present were Missy Eidson, Tara Colter-Lappat and Angie Bailey.

Board members not present were Katie Stanley-Dietzman, Jen Roodhouse, Joyce Furnell and Mark Blankenship.

It was determined quorum was present.

Chairperson Chris Connell called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Gabe Jones made a motion approve the agenda. Ms. Suzie Brodersen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Connell asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2022 Full Board meeting. Ms. Kim Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ben McFarlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Report: Chairperson Connell gave a report regarding the CLEO/LWDB Chair Symposium held on March 2nd in Jefferson City. This was attended by Presiding Commissioner of Hickory County, Keith Mertz, Chris Connell and Missy Eidson.

CLEO Consortium Meeting: The Consortium met on February 22, 2022 at the Sedalia Road and Bridge Building. Employer Workshops and Connection Points were discussed. The Annual Agreement, Local Governance Agreement and Quarter one and two Performance Reports were reviewed in detail.

Executive Committee Report: Mr. Tommy Hampton reported the February 2022 Executive Committee was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Committee Reports:

Finance and Audit: Ms. Kim Kendrick gave the report for the Finance and Audit Committee. The committee recommended the board vote to accept the Eckerd Connects Independent Audit as presented. Dr. Brent Bates made a motion to accept the audit. Mr. Alan Ayres seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Planning and Operations: Mr. Gabe Jones gave the report for the Planning and Operations Committee. The committee added Johnson County Ambulance District – Basic EMT Program to the Local Eligible Training Provider List since the last Full Board meeting. The committee made the following recommendations to the board for vote:

The committee recommended the board vote to accept the revisions to the Sub State Monitoring Policy as presented. Mr. Alan Ayres made a motion to accept the revisions. Ms. Kim Kendrick seconded the motion the motion carried.

The committee recommended the board vote to new the Professional Staffing Contract and the One-Stop Operator Contract with Eckerd Connects for the upcoming year, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Ms. Suzie Brodersen made a motion to renew both contracts. Mr. Alan Ayres seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Dept. of Social Services: Ms. Melissa Murry gave a presentation explaining services/benefits provided.

Employer Engagement Committee: Ms. Anna Conroy gave an update on the Employer Engagement Committee for the West Central Region. The upcoming Employer Workshop will spotlight Talify.

Contract Required Enrollments: Mr. Troy Roland with Eckerd Connects reported that the Adult/Dislocated Worker requirements had been exceeded. They youth enrollments are lacking however there are several individuals in the current pipeline.

Job Center / One-Stop Operator Updates: Ms. Kelly Vert gave an update for the region. She reported since the last board meeting there have been 574 individuals visit the West Central Region Job Centers. Nevada has been working with schools in the area and attending events to connect with youth. There will be an upcoming Job Fair on May 19th at the Nevada Job Center. Both Functional Leaders will be attending the upcoming MAWD Conference and are looking forward to bringing back new information and ideas. The first virtual S.E.A.L. participant has completed their HiSet and gained full time employment (success story to come). The Sedalia Job Center is meeting with seniors at Smith-Cotton High School each Monday through the end of the school year to provide youth services. They continue to work with the Jobs for American's Graduates (JAG) program and transition students. Meetings are being held with other schools in the areas to increase youth enrollments. Johnson County Ambulance District has four Incumbent Worker due to complete their training at the end of April. Two new staff members are scheduled to begin employment at the Sedalia Job Center at the beginning of April which will fully staff that center.

Job Center Success Stories: Ms. Anna Conroy highlighted an individual that was sent to Iron Eagle Welding Academy through West Central Region's WIOA funding. Upon completion this participant transitioned into an On the Job Training with school and was trained to be an instructor.

Director's Report:

Local Governance Agreement: The Local Governance Agreement was reviewed.

Quarter 2 Performance Review: The Quarter 2 Performance Review and Response was discussed. The expenditure rates had increased and performance had improved dramatically since December 31, 2022.

Two-Year Plan Modification Review (Mod 6): All updates to the Local Plan were reviewed. It is a requirement of WIOA that these be updated every two years.

Funds Transfer Approval: The board voted at the January meeting to request a transfer of \$82,075.33 from Dislocated Worker funds to Adult funds based on the needs of Job Center customers. The state approved the request and it has been completed.

Miscellaneous: Ms. Missy Eidson congratulated Dr. Brent Bates on being named the President of State Fair Community College beginning July 1st.

Mr. Chris Connel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alan Ayres made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kim Kendrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.