

Workforce Development Board
Chief Elected Officials Consortium Meeting
February 28, 2024

The Chief Elected Officials met on February 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Margaritaville Lake Resort, 494 tan Tar A, Osage Beach Missouri and via teleconference.

Presiding Commissioners in attendance were Jim Wheatley, Evan Emmerich, Steve Daleske, Robert Salmon, Jim Stone, Robert Sawyer, Troy Matthews and Harold Hoflander. Many Associate Commissioners were also in attendance.

Presiding Commissioners not in attendance were Stan Falke, Kenneth Thornton, Bill Taylor, Becky Plattner and Joe Wilson.

Chair of the Consortium, Jim Wheatley called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Jim Stone made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Robert Salmon seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Wheatley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023 meeting. Mr. Jim Stone made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Robert Salmon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Performance: Performance measures were discussed and current percentages were reviewed.

Local Plan Update: The 2025-2028 is finished and the MOU attachment has been submitted to the Office of Workforce Development for final signature. Once that is signed and received the public notice for comment period on the plan will be posted for the required amount of time and will be taken to the Full Board at the March meeting before submission to the state.

Quest Dislocated Worker Grant: The Office of Workforce Development applied for the Quest DWG from the Department of Labor. This grant seeks to address the uneven health, employment and economic impacts of the Covid Pandemic. It will focus on the delivery of career and training services to help move individuals affected by Covid 10 into self-sufficient employment. This grant covers a three-year time span and the WC Region was awarded \$473,500. There are currently two individuals in the enrollment process for participation in the grant.

Subsequent Designation: All required documentation was submitted to the state requesting to keep the West Central Region inclusive of the current 13 counties. The state posted the notice for public comment period and took the results to the State Workforce Development Board. OWD will be sending a letter to the region confirming the request was granted.

WDB Office: The WDB administrative office is on track to be closed by June 30, 2024.

Private Sector Board Members: Current representation by county was reviewed and discussed.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 10:30 at the Sedalia Missouri Job Center.

Miscellaneous: Ms. Eidson explained that the monthly success stories emailed out were printed in their packets. A discussion was also held regarding a handout in the packet showing the 10-year trend for WIOA funds from the federal government and their steady decline year over year. It is anticipated there will be more merging of regions in the future.

Mr. Jim Wheatley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Robert Salmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jim Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried.