



Bay Area Workforce Development Board

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LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS BOARD of the Bay Workforce Development Area

MEETING MINUTES May 22, 2006

Present: Bruce Osterberg (Chair), Elmer Ragen, George Bousley, Jim Gilligan, Charles Most, Arlyn Tober, Don Markwardt, Jim Barlow

Absent: Dan Haefs, Chyrl Irving

Mr. Osterberg called the meeting to order at 1 PM in the Conference Room at NWTC. A quorum was present and it was noted that Mr. Bousley, the Chair of the Marinette County Board, was in attendance in Mrs. Wruk's absence. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Gilligan, second by Mr. Ragen.

Election of Officers. Mr. Tober nominated Bruce Osterberg for another term as Chair of the Local Elected Officials Board. Motion was made by Mr. Barlow, second by Mr. Gilligan, to close nominations and elect by unanimous consent. Motion passed. Mr. Ragen nominated Charles Most for Vice Chair. Motion was made by Mr. Ragen, second by Mr. Gilligan to close nominations and elect by unanimous consent. Motion passed.

WDB Appointments. The Board considered appointments of new WDB members. Two members are retiring: Diane Koepke (private sector) and Dee Olsen (economic development). In addition, WDB bylaws allow the appointment of additional private sector members up to 45 seats. A number of private sector nominations had been received:

Dan Miller, President, Associated Bank of Shawano
R. Ben Grigg, President, Aarrowcast in Shawano
Donald Smith, Human Resources Manager, Stora Enso in Niagara.

Two economic development nominations had been received:

Paul Ehrfurth, VP of Economic Development, Green Bay Chamber
Ken Stubbe, Executive Director, EDC of Manitowoc County.

Mr. Golembeski clarified that all the private sector nominees could be appointed but only one of the economic development people, and members recognized that that would be a difficult choice.

The vision of the Bay Area Workforce Development Board is that job skills and educational levels are increased, quality of life for all individuals is enhanced, while employers' needs are met.

Motion was made by Mr. Markwardt, second by Mr. Gilligan, to appoint Dan Miller, R. Ben Grigg, Donald Smith, and Ken Stubbe to initial 3-year terms on the Bay Area WDB beginning July 1, 2006. The motion was adopted on a unanimous vote.

Budgets. Members reviewed the Bay Area WDB budget summary. Mr. Golembeski explained that we do not yet know the full WIA allocation because the US Department of Labor claims that they have not had time to adequately analyze data from the 2000 census to determine “areas of substantial unemployment” which is a factor in the allocation formula. At present new WIA funding is 21% below 2005 allocation levels. Bay Area, however, has significant unexpended funds from the current year, and can maintain stability in the local One-Stop system for one more year. Mr. Golembeski warned that we have to use the year to make substantial changes in our service delivery system and anticipated a 35% reduction in resources for 2007. Mr. Osterberg had attended a strategic planning session with job center partner agencies and questioned whether they shared the sense of urgency necessary to meet the coming challenges. Mr. Golembeski explained that the inclusion of two “strategic manager” positions in the budget was meant to put time and energy into creating real change. Motion to approve the Bay Area WDB budget was made by Mr. Markwardt, second by Mr. Most. Motion passed.

Members also reviewed the Bay Area WDB corporate budget. Mr. Golembeski explained that 3% wage increases for staff were included in the budget, but that the total budget reflected a 1.65% increase over 2005. Motion to approve the corporate budget was made by Mr. Markwardt, second by Mr. Tober. Motion passed.

WDB/LEO Agreement. Mr. Golembeski clarified the provisions of the agreement that had to do with financial accountability, noting that in Section I, the term “the Board” referred to the LEO Board and that the distinction made in Section III. K. 2. regarding indemnity was appropriately worded according to legal counsel. Motion to renew the WDB/LEO Agreement through June 30, 2008 was made by Mr. Gilligan, second by Mr. Most. Motion was adopted unanimously.

Members gave updates on obtaining county approval of the amended Counties consortium Agreement. Several counties had already signed and several of the members were able to sign at the meeting. The Marinette County Board is set to consider the document on May 30, with Manitowoc and Sheboygan set in early June. When all signatures are on the document, members requested that a copy be sent to each county.

There was general discussion about workforce issues and the significant funding reduction for the job centers that will occur in 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

The next LEO Board meeting is set for Monday, September 11 at 1 PM.