

Regional Workforce Development Board

4:30 p.m.

December 3, 2019

Scott Community College West Davenport Center, 2950 Fairmount Str., Davenport IA

Welcome/Introductions	Meeting opened at 4:32pm <u>Board</u> - Joni Dittmer, Carlton Wills, Gene Rome, Lori Bassow, Jeremy Ritchie, Chad Pratz, Paula Arends, Diana Gradert, Scott Schneider, Nic Hockenberry, <u>CEO</u> - Jack Willey, Brinson Kinzer, Jeff Sorenson <u>Staff</u> - Whitney No visiting presenters
Approval of Agenda	CEO Voting Item – Jeff motioned to approve, Jack seconded. Motion Approved. RWDB Voting Item – Gene motioned to approve, Carlton seconded. Motion approved.
Approval of October Meeting Minutes	CEO Voting Item – Jack motioned to approve, and Jeff seconded. Motion approved. RWDB Voting Item – Gene motioned to approve, and Joni seconded. Motion approved.
Training Program Applications – Vote to approve executive committee approvals	Executive Board approved the IT program @ Perdu and Accounting program at Augustana. RWDB – Gene motioned support for the approval, Nick seconded. Motion approved. CEO – Jack motioned for approval, and Brinson seconded. Motion approved.
Workforce Activities in the Region	Clinton- Plastics Unlimited in Preston, IA is continuing to grow and is expanding with a 30,000sq ft addition with jobs coming. Muscatine - A business in Wilton, IA is expanding. Scott - No notable updates
RWDB Membership Update	Mathew Nichol of HNI has applied to fill one of the open business positions for Scott County. Jack reported that the CEO's have approved this appointment. Ron Schaffer has also applied to fill another vacant board seat. CEO's have approved this appointment as well.
Disability Committee Update Visit to Iowa Department for the Blind	Disability Awareness Month event at IowaWORKS was on October 24th. The turn out was not great but the committee is using it to improve upon. The ADA assessment of the new IowaWORKS facility was completed and had minimal facility changes needed.

County Updates	County teams are continuing to meet but no new information to present at this time.
New Apprenticeship Position at IowaWORKS	Two additional positions for the state of Iowa have been developed to help build connections between individuals interested in apprenticeship and registered programs. Matt Auliff- For the eastern side of the state is in the Davenport IowaWORKS office.
National Apprenticeship Week Event	Marketing was done in several locations including hospitals and high schools. The turn out was greater than expected. Next year the location will be changed to accommodate the higher than expected turn out. Apprenticeship is popular now and the cost of college continues to drive people towards apprenticeships and vocational training. There is a continued need to target youth right out of school who may need a small amount of additional training in order to get into apprenticeships.
Regional Realignment Nov. 20 Meeting	Jeff Sorensen, Jim Irwin, and Jack Willey were all at the meeting on November 20th. The regional turnout for the meeting was less than expected. The decision regarding the regional changes was expected in October and is now anticipated to be made after the first of the year. Discussion was about how 10% of funding is set up to provide 3 out of the 4 administrative costs and the attendees were asked to come up with recommendations on how to meet the financial needs with the anticipated funds. Proposals were made to have 2, 3, or 4 regions. Another CEO meeting will be set to discuss the information proposed and reviewed by the state to meet the challenges on realignment.
DOL Monitoring	Had findings, some were both state and local. Findings included: Not having a fiscal agent, not having a One Stop Operator, not having a certified one-stop, and conflict of interest due to the number of participants attending Eastern Iowa Community Colleges.
FY18/FY19 Annual Summary	Annual Summary is posted on the regional board website: https://www.iowawdb.gov/region-9-py18-annual-summary
Other	Discussed ALCOA apprenticeships and representation in board membership
Adjournment	Adjourned at 5:50pm Next Meeting 2/4/20

