

**REGION 5**  
**CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS (CEO's)**  
**Conference Call**

**Thursday, March 3, 2016 8:30 a.m.**

**Iowa Workforce Development**

**Three Triton Circle**

**Fort Dodge IA 50501**

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**CEO's in attendance:** Carl Mattes                      Doug Bailey  
Rick Rasmussen                      Mike Cooper  
Clarence Siepker

**CEO's absent:** Clark Fletcher

**Guests in attendance:** Sara Messerly, Region 5 Operations Director  
Cathy Nelson-Schoon, Region 5 Workforce Advisor  
Larry McBain, RWIB Chair

This was a special meeting to approve the Candidate applications to fill an RWIB vacancy for Business. All CEO's present were attending by conference call.

Roll call was taken by Cathy Nelson-Schoon to confirm attendance.

Carl Mattes called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Mike Cooper and seconded by Clarence Siepker to approve the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously by the CEO's.

### **Approval of Candidates to Fill RWIB Vacancy**

Carl Mattes asked the board if they had all received the Appointment Resumes by email earlier in the week, and if they had had a chance to review them. The board answered yes. Carl asked for their thoughts on a preference of the two candidate applications, Molly Varangkounh and Michelle Sleiter. Mike Cooper commented that they were both very good candidates with Rick Rasmussen agreeing. Mike cooper listed his first choice as Molly Varangkounh.

Doug Bailey asked about party affiliation and if the decision needed to be based on that so the board would be in the guidelines of equality. Sara Messerly explained that the board would be in

compliance with either candidate. The RWDB board cannot have over seven Republicans or seven Democrats on the board. Currently we have six of each, and one No Party. Of the two board candidates, one is republican and the other is No Party. Therefore either candidate will be acceptable regarding party affiliation.

With no further discussion or questions from the board Carl Mattes made a recommendation for Molly Varangkounh. Mike Cooper made the motion to approve both candidates for submittal, with a preference for Molly Varangkounh and to keep Michelle Sleiter in reserve for any future RWIB openings. With the Governor's approval of a candidate, the board will appoint the selected candidate to the RWDB without further action required. Rick Rasmussen and Clarence Siepker both seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by the CEO's.

Sara explained that Carl, as CEO Chair, will now need to sign the letter approving the candidates that will be submitted along with the resumes and a copy of the RWDB Matrix to the Governor's office. Sara will send everything in once the letter is signed by Carl. Carl said he would come to the office first thing tomorrow and get it signed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further questions, a motion was made by Rick Rasmussen to adjourn and motion seconded by Clarence Siepker.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Nelson-Schoon

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