

REGION 7
Regional Workforce Investment Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 4, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.
IowaWORKS
3420 University Ave.
Waterloo, IA

Workforce Investment Board

Present

Reid Koenig
Linda Laylin
Lisa Lorenzen
Ken Kammeyer
Craig White
Donita Dettmer
Kelly Flege
Casey McLaughlin

Representing

Business
Business
Labor
County Elected
Labor
Labor
School Board
Community College

Absent

Deb Collette
Natalie Kracht
Quentin Hart
Janis Cramer
Josh Schmidt
Chris Parker

Business
Business
City Elected
Labor
Business
Labor

Chief Elected Official

Ellen Gaffney

Buchanan County Supervisor

State Staff

Doug Keast

Program Coordinator

Workforce Partners

Mike Howell
Jeanie Wright
Ronee Slagle
Debra Hodges-Harmon
Aaron Sauerbrei
Dustin Brocka

Vocational Rehabilitation
IowaWORKS Hawkeye Community College
IowaWORKS Iowa Workforce Development
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IowaWORKS Staff

Dee Gardner
Dana Smith
Raji Sljivo

Craig White, Chair commenced the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

- Linda Laylin moved to approve the agenda, Ken Kammeyer seconded. Motion approved

Approval of RWIB Minutes

- September minutes will be approved at the January meeting

Barriers to Employment Panel discussion

- Guest panel members Johnny Hill (Iowa Department of Corrections), Mike Knapp (Grin and Grow Day Care), Deb Dange (Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.), Felicia Carter (Pathways & ABC Taxi) and Ruth Frush (Juvenile Court) spoke about the consequences of criminal background, child care needs, transportation issues and the lack of soft skills

New Business

- New RWIB member Kelly Flege was sworn in by Chair Craig White. Chris Parker was unable to attend the December meeting, but will come into the office to sign his paperwork and have it notarize.
- John Deere worker survey results: Jeanie Wright shared the survey results from the recently laid off John Deere dislocated workers
- John Deere Job Fair: Ronee Slagle, Debra Hodges-Harmon and Jeanie Wright reported on the job fair held 11/20/14.
- Black Hawk Engineering WARN notice: Wright provided the Board with information on the WARN notice issued 11/21/14.

Old Business

- Strategic Plan Goals:
 - RWIB members discussed the educational panels held to-date. They had hoped for more solutions on the issues but will use the info they've been given to prioritize the goals to work on in 2015.

Announcements

- Doug Keast alerted the Board to opportunities related to flexible funding through the Disability Employment Initiative grant.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 6:00 by Casey McLaughlin, seconded by Lorenzen. Motion approved. .