

Board Meeting Minutes
June 24th, 2015

Call to Order: Chairman Whitmore called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Chairman Whitmore introduced Kraig Everard, Director of Corporate Support at WPBS-TV, who updated the board on the GPS for Success video series. He showed two of the videos that have been completed so far. The videos featured traditional and non-traditional careers from the Hospitality and Tourism Sector and the Agricultural Sector.

Chairman Whitmore asked if the videos will be useful for everyone, not just kids in middle school. Mr. Everard stated that they are designed to be a resource for anyone including school aged kids, unemployed or underemployed adults, and veterans.

Privilege of the Floor: Director Mayforth thanked everyone for attending our last official WIB meeting. She also announced the retirement of Pennie Getman, One-Stop Manager in Lowville, and presented her with a gift and thanked her for her dedication and years of service!

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Chairman Whitmore asked for corrections or discussion to the minutes for the April 1st, 2015 Board meeting and the June 16th, 2015 Executive Board meeting. There were none. Chairman Whitmore next asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Alexander made a motion to accept the April 1st, 2015 Board minutes. Mr. Hagemann seconded that motion, all were in favor. Mr. Todd made a motion to accept the June 16th, 2015 Executive Board minutes. Mr. Cooper seconded that motion, all were in favor.

Correspondence: There were none.

Resolutions: Resolution 14-10 – Approval of Modification of Youth Services Providers
Chairman Whitmore asked for questions on the resolution, of which there were none. Chairman Whitmore asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Donald Alexander
Second: Stephen Todd
Approved: Unanimously

Resolution 14-11 – Approval of the Certified Production Technician Program
Director Mayforth explained the highlights of the program and its need in the community. Chairman Whitmore asked for further questions on the resolution, of which there were none. Chairman Whitmore asked for a motion for approval.

Motion: Matthew Cooper
Second: Kathy Watson
Approved: Unanimously



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Director's Report: Director Mayforth gave a short presentation introducing the new WIOA legislation that will take effect July 1st and an update on unemployment statistics. We have returned back to pre-recession times where unemployment is low and we are seeing more under-employed customers versus unemployed customers.

Jefferson County received over 500 applications for the Youth and Young Adult program. Mr. Whitmore asked what the requirements were to be eligible for the program. Director Mayforth listed the requirements and made note that we aim to serve the neediest first.

Director Mayforth shared that we are partnering with JCC and working closely with Michelle Gefell to coordinate another From College to Career Workshop Event in the fall. It is also a possibility that SUNY Clarkson will join the E-Day event this year in an effort to get more students involved and reach more of the local community members.

Lastly, Director Mayforth thanked the Executive Board members for being so helpful in completing the necessary paperwork in such a timely fashion as it could be submitted and approved as soon as possible.

Financial Report: Director Mayforth shared that we have received notice that we have been awarded the Jobs Driven NEG Grant but have not received an actual contract yet. She also stated that there is the possibility of a regional sector grant being awarded and shared with the St. Lawrence and North Country WDB's. More information is forth coming.

Lastly, she reminded the board that our new fiscal year starts on July 1st. We finally received our allocations and we are flat funded like anticipated.

Questions/Discussion: Mr. Alexander shared some concerns about why the unemployment rate is still 6.3 % when it does not seem like there are a lot of unemployed people locally. Director Mayforth answered that the military is the main cause of this discrepancy. When active duty soldiers and their spouses transition out of the military they are eligible for UI in the state where they were employed, so they file a claim with New York state but have returned to their home states and do not live here anymore.

Unfortunately, due to this fact alone our UI rate is inflated by an undetermined amount and is not an accurate picture of our local employment situation. Fort Drum has a huge impact on the community in more ways than one and as the number of soldiers transitioning out of the military increases it is a likely assumption that our UI rate will as well.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2015. Location and time are to be determined.

Adjournment: Chairman Whitmore asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alexander made the motion and Mr. Hagemann seconded it, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am.



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Attendance:

Current Members: Donald Alexander, Matthew Cooper, Robert Hagemann, Cheryl Mayforth, Fred Monaco, Lynn Murray, John O'Driscoll, June O'Neill, Sandy Petrillose, Jody Pettit, Michael Schantz, Dale Stehlin, Stephen Todd, Carol Urbanowicz, Kathy Watson, Peter Whitmore, Tracey Yarina

Others in Attendance: Tim Maloney, Courtney McIntosh, Angel Munson, Lisa Hetzner, Terrence Harris, Kraig Everard