



Northwest Wisconsin Chief Local Elected Official Consortium Workforce Development Area #7

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The mission of the Consortium is to maintain the integrity of the WIOA funds.

Date & Time: Friday – August 23, 2024 - 2:00 p.m. - Via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

CLEOs Present:

Larry Youngs, Iron County
Terry Wedwick, Rusk County
Charlie Glazman, Douglas County
Elizabeth Franek, Ashland County
Bob Olsgard, Washburn County
Steve Kariainen, Sawyer County
Patricia Stephen, Price County
Emmett Byrne, Burnett County

Excused:

Larry Fickbohm, Bayfield County
Rollie Thums, Taylor County

Staff/Guests:

Skyler Dural-Eder, NWCEP
Jennifer Decker, NWCEP
Mari Kay-Nabozny, NWWIB
Bob Kopisch, NWCEP Board/LEO
Kelly Klein, NWWIB Board Chair
Michelle Smith, CEP
Jennifer Schuelke, CEP
Brent Blomberg, Burnett County
Dave Willingham, NWCEP Board/LEO

Call Meeting to Order

Charlie Glazman, Consortium Chairman called the meeting to order.

Roll Call & Report of Public Meeting Notice

Roll call was taken, a quorum was present. The public meeting notice was published on the CEP website, social meeting, area library websites and County Government websites.

Action Item: Review/Approve NWWIB WIOA Budget Allocations – CLEOs

A revised NWWIB budget was emailed to the CLEOs on August 22nd for review. It included the admin and program breakdown. Charlie Glazman made some opening comments. He said there are unknowns and that the WIB and CEP may not be around in ten years with AI in existence. Charlie said the WIB is doing exceptional work. Charlie noted, the reality is, we just don't have the money. Bob Olsgard said the question is, we have these years ahead where our funding source dictates, to make do with less. He noted his concern is that we must have a viable service delivery platforms which puts a lot on Skyler and Mari. Emmett noted that looking at what Charlie brought up and with our funding, how can we continue to operate as we are and if so, can we be successful? Mari noted that Charlie is correct, the system is changing, UI is online and other sectors are going virtual. She said everyone is doing more with less but in every challenge there's an opportunity to do things differently, so we have to embrace change. Mari wanted to reiterate that there were three WIB employees prior to the 2021 split and the cost then, exceeded what it is now. When the split took place, it just moved from one bucket to another and shifted the monies from one entity to another. The need for an independent entity within our governance structure dictates the model.

Charlie thanked Mari for the budget she provided with the breakdowns. For discussion, Charlie suggested the allocation to the WIB be \$60,000 and add the fiscal agent fee of \$27,500 which is not part of that amount. He opened the floor to discussion amongst the CLEOs. Terry stated that creating a letter regarding the need for stable or increased funding from WIOA from the CLEOs may be helpful. Mari noted that the proposed budget number is being

a different number than what was approved by the NWWIB so the next step would be to convene the liaison committee.

Emmett Byrne made a motion to grant the NWWIB \$60,000 in WIOA allocations. Seconded by Bob Olsgard. Vote taken. Elizabeth Franek voted no. Motion passed.

Action Item: Review/Approve New NWWIB Member Application (attached) – CLEOs

Mari Kay-Nabozny noted that the NWWIB has a vacancy in manufacturing. She noted that Gene Stanchfield from Burnett County submitted an application to the NWWIB for CLEO approval. He is retired plant manager from the Nexen Group. Charlie asked about his retirement and Mari noted that he is retired but still involved in the company.

Bob Olsgard made a motion to approve the new NWWIB member application as presented. Seconded by Emmett Byrne. Vote taken, carried.

Comments & Announcements

Charlie emphasized that he notes Elizabeth's concerns and getting past the current issues. He noted what we have and the need to research other potential models to avert this in the future in addition to not duplicating expenses and do whatever to make the organizations viable. Terry noted that the CLEOs need to develop something as soon as possible, and look at how we ended up in the situation we're in. Skyler noted that they discussed sending letters to more politicians about this funding situation and that a letter was already sent but can be revised with updates regarding our current situation. Charlie asked that Skyler send this letter to the CLEOs and include their signatures on this. Charlie thanked Skyler and Mari and noted that this isn't easy. He's hoping that we can work through this as quickly as possible and with some respects, she can still pay her staff. Mari noted that it will help to get March, April, May and June payments from CEP. Elizabeth thanked Mari, Skyler and Jenny.

Next Meeting Date & Location & Adjournment

It was noted that the Consortium will meet at the call of the Chair and based on the WIB budget approval or when we know next steps.

Bob Olsgard made a motion to adjourn at 3:09 p.m. Seconded by Patricia Stephen.