



Full Board Meeting
May 9, 2017
4:00 p.m.
WorkSource Yakima
1205 Ahtanum Ridge Drive, STE B, Union Gap

Minutes:

Board Members Present

Carolyn Dresker, Chair	Mark Todd	Brian Lenz
Dennis Flabetich, Vice-Chair	Linda Kaminski	Jonathan Smith
Barbara Cosner, Treasurer	Steve Hart	
Tony Edwards	Christine Cote	
Leonard Crouch	Teresa Herrera	
Peter Finch	Leanne Liddicoat	

Staff Present:

Patrick Baldoz	Amy Garcia, Minutes	Justin Merrell
Amy Martinez	Hugo Moreno	Tamara Bosler
Tim Hoerner	Melanie Willis	David Gonzales

Guests:

Alberto Isiordia	Don Meseck	Karla Jessen
Sondra Pieti	Rosa Uberuaga	

Call to Order

Carolyn Dresker called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Carolyn called for a motion to approve the Board of Directors minutes from February 14, 2017 meeting minutes:

Peter Finch moved to approve the February 14, 2017 Board of Directors meeting minutes, seconded by Christine Cote. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Carolyn called attention to the consent agenda items (noted below) and asked if there was any items that needed to be pulled for discussion. Hearing no response she asked for approval of the consent agenda.

16-05-01 March Financial Statements - Attachment A

Dennis Flabetich moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Peter Finch. Motion carried.

SCWDC DVR Youth Contracts

Tamara Bosler presented a provided memo explaining the DVR Youth contracts. Last year the area provided service to in-school youth ages 16-21 years old through a "PETS" contract with the department of Vocational Rehabilitation. The Council contracted this project to both Northwest Community Action Center and OIC of Washington in Kittitas and Yakima Counties. Participants enrolled in the project were youth who have an Individualized Educational Plan or 504 Plan residing in Yakima or Kittitas Counties. The contract is a fee for service design for pre-employment group workshops and paid work experiences for eligible youth.

Our service delivery for this program was a success and we have an opportunity for a second year. SCWDC is in the process of negotiating with DVR for a couple of contract changes due to minimum wage increase and the ability to provide one on one workshops in addition to the group setting. Estimated funding will be consistent with last year at approximately \$54,328 to NCAC and \$56,272 to OIC.

Mark Todd moved to approve staff recommendation to approve new dee for service contracts with estimated funding for the purpose to serve 16-21 year old in-school youth who have Individualized Educational Programs or 504 Plans and residing in Yakima and Kittitas Counties, contingent on successful contract negotiations, seconded by Christine Cote. Motion carried.

SCWDC One-Stop Operator RFP

Patrick discussed the background of the One-Stop system and explained that there are a few things that need to be completed under new WIOA Legislation. There must be a development of an MOU that will go to all the partners of the One-Stop for signature as well as to the Chair of the Board and the local elected officials; an Infrastructure Funding Agreement that has been extended to December, (where all the partners must agree on the cost of the One-Stop) and the selection of a One-Stop Operator. A One-Stop Operator RFP has been developed and requires approval from the board to be released.

Tony Edward moved to approve the One-Stop Operator Request for Proposals, seconded by Dennis Flabetich. Motion carried.

Directors Report

Upskill/Backfill Update

Justin Merrell shared that SCWDC was awarded a \$250,000 grant from the State Workforce Board, for the State wide Upskill/Backfill Initiative. The Upskill/Backfill model is a model that offers current workers the opportunity to upskill to receive wage gain, and or promotions and to fill the positions through customized training with job seekers. The WDC has partnered with the Consortium of Advanced Aerospace Manufacturers in Klickitat County. The participating companies were all involved in the developing of the plan and the selection of what training would be most beneficial to employees as well as being financially invested in the project by matching cost through paying employee benefits and wages during the training. The project is aiming to upskill 95 current workers and train 67 newly hired employees to backfill the positions. The project will run from July 2017 through December 2018. The Governor is requiring labor representation as a partner in the project. With the

area not having labor representation in the area, the WDC asked Board members Tony Edwards and Leonard Crouch to provide guidance throughout the project.

Jonathan Smith moved to approve the usage of the funds on the project as presented, seconded by Christine Cote. Motion carried.

2017 SCWDC WIOA Youth RFP

Patrick Baldoz shared that the WDC has been in the midst of a Youth procurement. The WDC received only one application from Farm Workers Clinic. It will go to the Youth Committee for review and recommendation. The Youth Committee must determine if the proposal is acceptable to recommend for award, reject it and ask for new bids, or sole source the program.

Public Employee Benefits Board

Patrick Baldoz explained that WDC staff receive benefits through the Washington State Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB). Last week the WDC received a letter from the Public Employee Benefits Board stating that the WDC could be ineligible to participate unless the Council could prove that the WDC is an eligible entity under the law. WDC has taken the letter to attorney Jeanie Tolcacher, who represents the WDC. She sent the letter to a benefit specialist in Tri Cities to review.. He will be sending a response to the PEBB.

Governor's Discretionary Funds

Patrick explained that the Governor has given Department of Social & Health Services \$200,000 to do planning and work around generational poverty, with the promise of a million dollars after planning. He stated that he shared his with state officials on how such a program would be carried out. The plan is to do a research project in the lower Yakima County, using the \$200,000 for planning followed by the million dollars in contracts.

Patrick's concerns were that this effort was not connected to the WDC; if WIOA funds are being distributed and are being used to serve adult, dislocated workers, and youth, they are contracting and creating a new and alternate system.

DSHS also indicated that they would be doing incumbent worker services and no mention of any connection to the local employer services which overseen by the local board. Patrick expressed that he is concerned that all the work done with partners will become unraveled with duplication in the system. He has raised concerns with the Employment Security Department, the Governor's Policy Administrator- John Aultman, as well as with the County Commissioners.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.