

Southeastern Wisconsin Workforce Development Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
Kenosha County Center – Hearing Room
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Members present: Dr. Bryan Albrecht, Mark Beilman, Laura Cesar, Susan Chandek, Derek D’Auria, Kenneth Fellman, Ron Frederick, Nicholas Galich, Brooke Infusino, Rene O’Connor, Loretta Olsen, Rodney Prunty, Tom Reiherzer, Lanetta Virgil, Matt Waltz

Members excused: Thomas A. Burke, Grace Eckland, Mary Sue Gallagher, Dave Gaspar, Amy Mlot, Cynthia Simonsen, Dr. Brian Wolf

LEO’s present: County Executive Jim Kreuser, Walworth County Board Chair Nancy Russell

Others present: Doug Bartz, David Cole, Stephanie Elmer, Rebecca Freund, Jacquetta Gilman, Chris Isaacson, John Jansen, Susan Koehn, Mark Mundl, Hope Otto, Jim Paetsch, Nina Taylor

Call to Order:

- Board Chair, Nicholas Galich, called the meeting to order.

Silent Roll Call:

- Rebecca Freund completed silent roll call.

Citizen Comments:

- No Comments.

Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2017 Board meetings:

- Ron Frederick made a motion to accept the June 27, 2017 minutes as written with Tom Reiherzer seconding.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Corporate Relocation, Expansion, and Attraction – Presentation by Jim Paetsch, Vice President, M7

- M7 was founded about 12 years ago; within the last decade, there has been 85 project wins with 28,000+ jobs collectively, \$1.5 billion in payroll and 11.4 billion in capital investment.
- Haribo has plenty of room for expansion – a big investment within the community. Average wage is \$56,000.
- Foxconn is going to be 22 million square feet, this will be the only LCD plant that is not located in Asia.
- Manufacturing and Agriculture are Wisconsin’s strengths.

Ron Frederick asked if all this has any effect on money going into roads and highways. Jim Paetsch said yes but he is not sure on the detail and the work that is going on with that.

County Executive Kreuser commented that we have a great relationship with M7, we take projects to them and they bring projects to us. It’s of great value to all to be working together.

Dr. Bryan Albrecht mentioned that GTC is working with Haribo and Foxconn on training programs and is proud to say that the first Foxconn employees have gone through GTC training. It’s great to all be working together!

Jim Paetsch said that with all the municipalities that work in our region, it’s great - - things get organized quickly and meetings come together to bring companies here.

New Southeast Wisconsin Workforce Development Board Members:

- Doug Bartz discussed the SE WI WDB Members that are no longer with us: Dr. Manoj Babu (GTC), Peggy Osborne (Birds Eye Foods), Mary Jo Wodicka (Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare), and Sandra Conners (UI Representative).
- Replacements have been made to fill those positions: Mark Beilman (Precision Plus), Lanetta Virgil (UI Representative), Grace Eckland (G3 Consulting), Mary Sue Gallagher (Grand Geneva), Tom Reiherzer (Building Trade Alliance), Dave Gaspar (MPC).
- Loretta Olsen made a motion to accept the new Board members. Matt Waltz seconded that motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Report (handout): Jacquetta Gilman – Kenosha County Fiscal

- Program Year 17 contracts have been received and there has been no changes in funding.
- Carryover money will be depleted by the end of the year.
- Ron Frederick made a motion to accept the Fiscal Report with Rene O’Connor seconding.
- Motion passed unanimously.

TechHire Update – Mark Mundl, Racine County Workforce Solutions:

- 1 million dollars was received for this grant to move youth ages 18-29, with barriers to employment, into technology related fields.

- First cohort - Web Design was completed by 9 individuals; 8 of them earned 2 industry recognized credentials.
- Second cohort – Help Desk will be completed in about 2 weeks with 11 individuals graduating. 2 have earned their A+ certification.
- There has not been any industry placements at this time – currently recruiting employers, if interested, please connect with Mark Mundl.

Addressing Critical Talent Needs through Regional Collaboration (handout) – Susan Koehn, M7:

- Uncertainty of talent is a competitive factor and is in the top 3 worries for corporate executives.
- 64% of students identified personal experience that had led them to choose their career path.
- Only 11% of employers feel that college graduates are ready for work.
- 62% of interns end up with direct hire offers.
- Career based learning will be a mutually beneficial proposition for our industry partners.
- Looking to fuel future talent so that companies can grow here.
- Susan shared and discussed the summary from the event that was held on this top in September.

WAGE\$ Update – Jonathon Watts, Walworth County Job Center:

- Jonathon gave an update on the WAGE\$ grant, which serves WDA 1.
- Working on getting participants interested in apprenticeships.

Labor Market Update (handout): Mark Mundl, Racine County Workforce Solutions

- In the interest of time, no update was given.

WDA 1 Snapshot (handout):

- In the interest of time, this was not discussed.

WIOA Update – Doug Bartz:

- The State came to do their annual monitoring of WIOA programs, CRC/EEO, and fiscal.
- Southeast has been chosen for the Department of Labor to visit. More information to be discussed at a later meeting.
- Formally known as ITA’s but now called ETP (Eligible Training Providers), are all on hold. These applications used to come before the Board for approval but until further guidance is received from the State, they on hold.
- With the addition of Board members, our recertification of the Board has been submitted to the State and should be complete within the next week or so.

Other Items as Allowed by Law:

- Tom Reiherzer passed out information regarding Union trades and stated that they are always looking for Apprentices and Journeyman.

Board Chair Comments:

- Board Chair Nicholas Galich welcomed all new Board members and stated that we look forward to working with you.

Local Elected Official Comments:

- County Executive Kreuser commented that there’s a lot of information to take in as a new Board member, but at anytime, if you need further information on any topic or have any questions, please take advantage of reaching out to Doug. Thank You for putting your time into the Board.

Next meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room at the Kenosha County Center (Hwys. 45 & 50).

Adjournment:

- Ron Frederick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Loretta Olsen seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.