

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area Consortium Board

MEETING MINUTES

July 20, 2011

A meeting of the NR/MR WIA Consortium Board was held on July 20, 2011 at the Wytheville Meeting Center in Wytheville. Those in attendance were as follows:

Council Members

David Hutchins- Chair
Bill Brown – Montgomery
Ranny Akers - Pulaski
Bruce Brown - Radford
Charlie Clark - Smyth
Odell Owens - Washington
Bucky Sharitz - Wythe

Staff

Ronnie Martin
Marty Holliday

Guest

Martha Samples – WIB Chair
Linda Matthews- Goodwill Ind. of the Valleys
Mary Ann Gilmer – Goodwill Ind. of the Valleys

At 9:33 AM, Chairman Hutchins called the meeting to order.

The meeting was opened with a prayer and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hutchins asked Ms. Holliday to call the roll. A quorum was present

Dr. Bruce Brown made the motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Sharitz seconded the motion and a called vote was taken:

Carroll – yes, Montgomery - yes, Pulaski –yes, Radford – yes, Smyth – yes, Washington – yes, Wythe – yes

Chairman Hutchins opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

Chairman Hutchins asked the members to review proposed Resolution 2011-01 on the Consortium Board as the grant applicant for Tobacco Commission funds to support a project in Smyth, Washington and Bristol for the proposed SWVA Manufacturing Training Center. Mr. Martin gave a brief overview of the wording in the Consortium Board's Agreement and its ability to give financial obligation protection for non-participating member jurisdictions. After a brief discussion Mr. Owens made the motion to approve Resolution 2011-01. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and a called vote was taken:

Carroll – yes, Montgomery - yes, Pulaski –yes, Radford – yes, Smyth – yes, Washington – yes, Wythe – yes

Mr. Martin will contact Phyllis Katz on possible adjustments to the wording in the Agreement that would allow the Consortium Board to seek out these types of funding opportunities in the future.

Ms. Samples introduced Mr. Carl Mitchell, Executive Director of Virginia Economic Bridge. Mr. Mitchell gave a presentation on several initiatives that Virginia Economic Bridge is currently involved in.

Chairman Hutchins asked Ms. Samples to give a WIB update. Ms. Samples brought the Board up-to-date on WIB activities and correspondence that had taken place in recent months. A brief discussion followed.

Chairman Hutchins asked Mr. Martin to give an Executive Summary. Mr. Martin gave an overview of program activities, budget and funding issues. A brief discussion followed.

Chairman Hutchins reminded the members that the Informational Items had been previously sent out, and would not be presented unless there were any specific questions the members wanted to ask about them.

Ms. Holliday notified the member that no progress had been made on the Mobile One-Stop project as Dana Laney had left People, Inc. and Betty Rowe had not yet taken over that position.

Mr. Martin updated the Board on the NEG- OJT grant. Ms. Holliday updated the Board on the CREATES and HITE grants.

Chairman Hutchins again asked for feedback on the new meeting style. All members present had positive responses. Each member gave a brief update of activities happening in their jurisdiction.

Mr. Martin reminded the members about the Travel Reimbursement request form to be completed and signed if members wanted to get reimbursed for their travel to the meeting.

Chairman Hutchins continued with the agenda noting that the next meeting will be held on September 21, 2011 at Bristol Compressors beginning at 10:00AM. He told the members that Ms. Holliday would arrange for transportation options and lunch at Heartwood in Abingdon.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Holliday

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Deputy Executive Director