

**Chief Elected Officials
Special Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2018**

The Chief Elected Officials meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Chairman Kim Gouker.

Name	Present	Absent	Name	Present	Absent
Robert Albrecht		X	Steve Malavolti		
James Duffy	X (Dixon)		Kevin Reibel	X (Dixon)	
Randy Freeman	X (Oglesby)		Ron Smith	X (Dixon)	
Kim Gouker	X (Dixon)		Jim Wentling	X (Dixon)	

PROXIES: Steve Malavolti to Randy Freeman

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Furlan (Dixon), Jo Ann Johnson (Dixon), Carrie Folken (Oglesby)

Business Meeting

Approval to use WIOA Formula Funds for Special Project

Pam informed members that she found out last week that there will not be a rescission of current WIOA funding. She said that the State of Illinois graciously absorbed the \$645,000 rescission therefore no local workforce area will lose any funds. Pam told members that we have been holding off spending money in anticipation of this rescission. However, she said that we still need to obligate 80% of the current program year funding.

Pam reminded members that BEST, Inc. submitted a proposal for a Talent Pipeline grant in the amount of \$110,000. She said that if the grant is not approved by DCEO she is recommending that we use formula money to continue with the project. Another project, Pam told members, is for a consulting/firm to go out and visit businesses to find out what their hesitations are in hiring individuals with disabilities, criminal backgrounds and veterans. She told members that there seems to be some hesitation on the part of businesses both statewide and nationally in hiring this targeted population. Pam told members that initially staff were going to apply for a grant for this project, but since there was formula funding available, it was suggested to use those funds. Pam continued by telling members that if BEST, Inc. does not receive the Talent Pipeline Grant, formula funds could be used for that project also. She stated, however, that formula funds would not be able to be used for both projects. Pam noted that if the Talent Pipeline grant was not received, the one project would be funded with formula funds this program year and the other project would be funded next program year. Pam also told members that DCEO may have some other grants available that we could apply for to help fund special projects. Another thing Pam informed members was that we have not heard what the PY 18 allocation will be.

Pam continued to provide members with information regarding the Targeted Population research project by saying that a consulting firm would be hired with a cost estimate of \$60,000-\$75,000. After discussion, Randy Freeman motioned to approve the use of WIOA Formula Funds for Special Project(s) as outlined. Motion was seconded by Kevin Reibel and carried.

Approval to transfer up to \$50,000 from Dislocated Worker to Adult

Pam requested to transfer up to \$50,000 from the Dislocated Worker grant to the Adult grant. She said that this transfer would allow staff to enroll new individual in the adult program. Kevin Reibel motioned to approve the transfer of up to \$50,000 from the Dislocated Workers grant to the Adult Grant. Motion was seconded by Jim Wentling and carried.

Other Business

Reconfiguration Discussion

Kim informed members that he received a letter from DCEO wanting to schedule a consultation meeting to discuss the reconfiguration of the Local Workforce Area. Kim told members that he responded to the letter immediately and the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 10:00 a.m. at the Ogle County Courthouse in Oregon. He told members that the State will give the presentation and then break for lunch. After lunch, Kim told members there will be a technical meeting with DCEO. Kim encouraged members to attend if their scheduled allowed. Kim reminded members that Ogle County had a choice to go with Local Workforce Area #3 (Rockford, Boone, Winnebago Counties) at the time of the Local Workforce Area #4 and Local Workforce Area #12 merger. He told members that at that time, and even now, Ogle County wants to remain in the current Local Workforce Area #4. Jim Duffy commented that he has concerns about the students from Ogle County that are enrolled in the Regional Office of Education program. He commented that the program is starting to achieve success for these students and it would be a shame to have them pull out of the program now. Other members also commented and asked what type of support that can provide if they cannot attend the meeting on May 16. Kim asked members if they and/or their County Board Chair would send a letter addressing their concerns about this realignment as well as their support that LWIA #4 remain as is. Kim asked that the letter be emailed to him with a copy being sent to Pam.

Public Comments

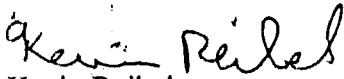
None

Adjournment

With there being no further business, Randy Freeman motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Jim Wentling and carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Jo Ann Johnson

Approved by:


Kevin Reibel
CEO Secretary