

**Chief Elected Officials
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2018**

The Chief Elected Officials meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Kim Gouker.

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

PROXY: Ron Smith to Jim Duffy

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam Furlan, Jo Ann Johnson

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Kevin Reibel motioned to approve the December 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Steve Malavolti and carried.

Business Meeting

NCI Works Appointment

Pam informed members that Daniel Payette and Ron Lentz have been nominated to NCI Works. She said that Dan Payette is the Executive Director of the Blackhills Regional Council and Rob Lentz is the HR/Transportation Manager at Walmart DC in Spring Valley. Kevin Reibel motioned to appoint Daniel Payette and Rob Lentz to NCI Works. Motion was seconded by Jim Duffy and carried.

Pam told members that due to personal reasons, Brandon Rumler submitted his resignation from NCI Works last week. She told members that he was a good member and he will be missed.

Other Business

Update on LWIAs in Multiple EDRs

Pam informed members that we are still waiting for additional information on the re-designation of local areas that are in more than one Economic Development Region (ED) from DCEO. She asked Kim and Wayne if they heard anything from DCEO. Pam continued by saying that DCEO told local areas they would be meeting with local CEOs and workforce board in late January or early February, however, we have not heard anything. She told members that she does know that some local areas are planning to suggest that the state change the EDRs and leave the local areas as they are. Pam told members that one of the neighboring workforce areas

(Bloomington/Pekin) has developed a list of things that would need to be redone as a result of moving counties to other areas. Locally, Pam said, it would require us to start all over by developing MOUs, Local Plans, Regional Plans, etc. Additionally, she said it would require BEST, Inc. to sort through the carry-forward money, equipment, participant files and any other things that would need to be re-designated to the other area. Pam said that when the state comes to visit the local area, she intends to share the list with them. Some areas, Pam said, are getting letters signed from the Local Workforce Board Chairs to send to the Governor encouraging him to keep the Local Workforce Areas as they are. She reminded members that the decision of the Governor is final and asked Kim and Wayne if Ogle County has made a decision. Kim responded that he did talk with Senator Bivins who said that it was out of the Governor's hand as it is a requirement from the Department of Labor. After discussion, Wayne and Kim agreed to be proactive to remain in LWA #4. Pam explained that if the restructuring occurs it won't happen before June 30, 2019. She explained that DCEO will need to submit their Plan to the Department of Labor by July 1, 2018 and they believe they will get a waiver for a year. Members discussed amongst themselves how they could reach out to legislators as some were scheduled to attend various meetings. Members asked Pam to develop a list of talking points so that they were prepared. Robert commented that he would be seeing Representative Weaver and would address the issue with him. Pam gave members copies of the talking points that she had from the neighboring local workforce area and said that she would update the list and get it to them tomorrow.

Election of Officers

Robert Albrecht moved to retain the same slate of officers and elect a unanimous ballot. Motion was seconded by Kevin Reibel and carried. The elected slate of officers for February 2018 – February 2019 include:

Kim Gouker, Chair
James Duffy, Vice-Chair
Kevin Reibel, Secretary

CEO Acknowledgement and Designation Form

Referring to the typed summary that was included with the meeting materials, Pam informed members that the CEOs must review their existing Delegation of Authority and Acknowledgment of Financial Liability Form for submission to DCEO. She told members that the CEOs must list all individuals who are designated to have signature authority on behalf of the CEOs as grant recipient, and indicate whether the authorization is for signing grant agreements, budget and disclosure forms, and/or other grant-related documents. In the past, Pam said, the CEOs has been the only authorized signature. As Kathy D stated in the typed summary, this can continue as it has been, or the CEOs may elect to have an individual from BEST, Inc. as the authorized signature. Members asked Pam if there was a problem with the way that it has been working. Pam said that she was not aware of any problems. Steve Malavolti motioned to continue with the CEOs as the authorized signature for DCEO related documents. Motion was

seconded by Robert Albrecht and carried.

Independent Negotiator

Pam informed members that as was done in the past few years, an independent firm/person was hired to negotiate the budget with the partners for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). She told members that the Request for Proposals are due to Kathy D on March 13 and the NCI Works Executive Committee is meeting to act on the proposal(s) March 15. Due to time constraints, Pam ask the CEOs to authorize NCI Works to act on their behalf in selecting the independent negotiator for the PY 2018 MOU Budget. Robert Albrecht motioned to authorize NCI Works to act on behalf of the CEO in selecting the independent negotiator for the PY 2018 MOU Budget. Motion was seconded by Kevin Reibel and carried.

Public Comments

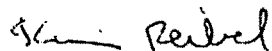
None

Adjournment

With there being no further business, Steve Malavolti motioned to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Kevin Reibel and carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Jo Ann Johnson

Approved by:



Kevin Reibel
Secretary