

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2009
Kneip Building, Conference Room #3
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD

Members Present

Pam Roberts, Chair
Carol Hinderaker
Jason Dilges
Homer Harding
David Owen
Mark Merchen
Bob Riter, Jr.
Rob Anderson
Paul Aylward

Others Present

Don Kattke
Pauline Heier
Sharon Schnabel
Dawn Dovre
Monica Harding
Chet Brokaw
Deb Mortenson
Bob Mercer
Ron Olinger

Chairwoman Roberts called the meeting to order and roll call was taken by Pauline Heier. A quorum was present.

Homer Harding MOVED to approve the February 24, 2009 minutes. Paul Aylward SECONDED. Motion Carried.

Don Kattke and Chairwoman Roberts gave a presentation on the current financial status and latest projections of the State UI Trust Fund. The Council had a discussion about the financial status of the Trust Fund.

Chairwoman Roberts opened the floor for public comment.

Deb Mortenson, representing the Associated General Contractors of South Dakota, commented that contractors are hiring but weather conditions have put many jobs behind schedule.

Chairwoman Roberts closed the floor to public comment.

Don Kattke gave an updated presentation on option 2 of the UI Modernization provisions that were included in the federal stimulus package. Option 2 requires States to adopt two of four selections to expand eligibility of claimants. There was discussion among the Council. It was the consensus of the Council to re-visit the financial condition of the Trust Fund in a couple of months.

Chairwoman Roberts opened the floor again for public comment.

Ron Olinger of the SD Retailer's Association asked if anything had been done to figure out what the affect to Unemployment Insurance would be if the U.S. auto industry forced the closure of some South Dakota car dealerships.

Chairwoman Roberts closed the floor to public comment.

The next meeting was set for June 25, 2009 at 1:00 pm.

Jason Dilges MOVED to adjourn the meeting. David Owen SECONDED. Motion Carried.