

Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2007
Kneip Building, Conference Room #3
700 Governors Drive
Pierre SD

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Not Present</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Pam Roberts, Chair	Bob Riter, Jr.	Don Kattke
Carol Hinderaker		Pauline Heier
Robert Anderson		Sharon Schnabel
Homer Harding		Monica Harding
David Owen		Bob Mercer
Paul Aylward		Deb Mortenson
Mark Merchen		Shawn Lyons
Jason Dilges		

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

David Owen MOVED to approve the October 10, 2006, minutes. SECONDED by Robert Anderson. Motion Carried.

Don Kattke gave an overview of the 2007 UI legislation. There was one bill introduced, SB147. SB147 revised the definition of wages for unemployment insurance to exclude employer payments to Simple IRA (408(p)) retirement plans.

Don Kattke gave a presentation on the current UI projections and on the current financial status of the State Unemployment Insurance Fund. The Council had a general discussion about the 2006 legislative changes and the financial status of the State UI Fund. A report on trends by industry and by negative account employers will be provided at the next meeting.

Don Kattke gave an update on the May 2007 flood disaster. A total of 5 disaster centers were opened around the State. These centers are currently staffed with state employees and also staff from FEMA and SBA. In addition, federal unemployment dollars were made available for people who were unemployed because of the disaster and who are not eligible for regular state unemployment.

Chairman Roberts opened the floor for public comment and asked Council members for issues or recommendations for the 2007 UI Advisory Council's annual report.

There was no public comment.

The agenda for the next meeting was discussed. A draft of the 2007 annual report will be completed and distributed before the next meeting.

A recommendation was made to invite the highway contractor industry to the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for September 10, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

Paul Aylward MOVED to adjourn the meeting. SECONDED by Jason Dilges. Motion Carried.