

Unemployment Insurance (UI) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2008  
Kneip Building, Conference Room #3  
700 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD

Members Present

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

Members Not Present

Others Present

Don Kattke  
Monica Harding  
Pauline Heier  
Sharon Schnabel  
Andy Szilvasi  
Deb Mortensen  
Bob Mercer  
Steve Whitaker  
Shawn Lyons  
Sam Wilson

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

Homer Harding MOVED to approve the September 10, 2007, minutes. Paul Aylward SECONDED. Motion Carried.

Don Kattke gave an overview of the 2008 UI legislation. There were two bills introduced, HB1002 and HB1209. HB1002 was a clean up bill which revised the wording of UI statutes and deleted obsolete statutes. HB1209 was introduced with the intent to allow UI benefits to persons employed in tribal government schools. It was deferred to the 36th legislative day.

Don Kattke gave a presentation on the current UI projections and on the current financial status of the State UI Trust Fund. He also talked about the 2006 legislation that would eliminate the deduction of social security payments from UI benefits. This will occur when the UI fund reaches \$30 million at the end of a calendar quarter.

The Council discussed the 2006 legislative change that established an interest charge penalty for employers with consistently negative account balances. A communications plan on how to notify businesses about the upcoming charges will be provided at the next meeting.

Chairman Roberts opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

There was a consensus from the Council to allow future public testimony through the state's DDN sites.

A draft of the 2008 annual report will be completed and distributed before the next meeting, set for August 19, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

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