

South Dakota Workforce Development Council (WDC) Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2015
Mitchell Technical Institute, Tech Center Room 111
1800 East Spruce Street, Mitchell, South Dakota

Chairman Lotsberg called the meeting to order. Kari Porch called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Chairman Warren Lotsberg, Vice-chairman Tom Bohnet, D.J. Mertens, Marcia Hultman, Tiffany Sanderson, Aaron Scheibe, Randy Stainbrook, Gloria Pearson, David Giovannini, David Westbrook, Randy Hanson, Jim Borszich, Lee Anderson and Mark Rogers

Members Absent: Jack Warner and Cal Geis

Others Present: Bill Molseed, Kari Porch, Dawn Dovre, Liza Clark, Tom Hart, Greg Von Wald, Kelsey Doom, Jackie Miskimins, Bruce Yakley, Terry Sabers, Scott Paulson, Melodee Lane, Devon Bartscher and Lacey Anderson

Jim Borszich made a motion to approve the December 17 and 18, 2014, meeting minutes. D.J. Mertens seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Director Molseed thanked Greg Von Wald, Mitchell Technical Institute (MTI) President, for hosting the Council meeting. Molseed presented the director's report. The President of the United States signed the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) on July 22, 2014. WIOA replaces the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Implementation of the program will begin on July 1, 2015, with full implementation taking place on July 1, 2016.

Last fall representative from several single area states including South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Utah met in Rapid City, South Dakota to discuss the WIOA. The group did a lot of brainstorming, sharing ideas and sharing strategies they were currently using.

Molseed provided Council members with a handout showing the funds awarded through the Governor's Matching Fund Grant. He stated Governor Daugaard is very appreciative of the Council involvement in the process.

Kelsey Doom, Director of Economic Development with Wagner Area Growth, provided updates on activities provided with funds received through the Governor's Matching Fund Grant. Training is huge in the Wagner area with the community coinciding with the Yankton Sioux Tribe. Funds from the grant along with matching funds from local businesses will provide for several welding and CDL classes throughout the Wagner area. Wagner is also working with the Yankton Sioux Tribe to enroll individuals at Regional Technical Education Center in Yankton using WIA funds.

Greg Von Wald provided an update on activities provided with the Governor's Matching Fund Grant. Parkston school district staff had approached MTI with the idea a counselor could provide students with beneficial information about career opportunities. Many students are not aware of the career opportunities available. Visiting with them about the careers available would help them make better career decisions. MTI started the Career and Technical Education Training Academy with eight programs. The training center will allow high school students to dual enroll with the technical institute to gain higher education credits.

Jackie Miskimins, Mitchell Development Corporation, provided an update on the activities the corporation is providing. She is traveling throughout the area educating students, parents and educational personal on the career opportunities available. She is connecting businesses with educational institutions.

A business panel consisting of Bruce Yakley from Trail King, Terry Sabers from Muth Electric and Scott Paulson from Paulson Air presented on the needs they see in their businesses. All three businesses stated they had a difficult time finding and retaining individuals, especially those employees that do not have any post-secondary education. They stated that it is crucial for businesses and educational institutions to partner.

Scott Fossum led the Council on a tour of MTI. The tour highlighted items purchased through grants the Council had an integral part in securing.

Tiffany Sanderson, Department of Education, provided the Council with information on the Build Dakota scholarships. The Build Dakota scholarship program is a new scholarship program created through a \$50 million investment funded by \$25 million donated from T. Denny Sanford and \$25 million contributed from the South Dakota Future Fund. Both in-state and out-of-state students are eligible for the scholarships. During the first five years, approximately 300 scholarships will be awarded. The scholarships will support tuition fees, books and other required program expenses. Recipients of the scholarships will commit to living and working in South Dakota, in their field of study, for three years following graduation.

Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) shared a video showcasing the services they provide. Devon Bartcher, Mitchell DLR local office manager, shared information on the services they provide. Staff from the local office match individuals with job opportunities, provide individuals with job preparedness activities, training opportunities and support services.

Melodee Lane provided an update on the Labor Market Information Workforce Data Quality Initiative (LMI WDQI). She provided screenshots of the Graduate Employment Outcomes system being developed. The system will provide online data for employment outcomes of graduates from South Dakota's public universities and technical institutes.

Marcia Hultman, DLR Cabinet Secretary, provided information on items requiring Council approval. There were some minor changes to the Council bylaws.

Jim Borszich made a motion to approve the new bylaws. D.J. Mertens seconded the motion. Kari Porch called roll. **MOTION PASSED.**

Council approval is needed to approve the South Dakota WDC as the designated board under WIOA.

Gloria Pearson made a motion to accept the Workforce Development Council as the designated board under WIOA. Dave Giovannini seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

For South Dakota to be designated as a single area state the Council approval is needed.

Mark Rogers make a motion to approve South Dakota as a single area designation. D.J. Mertens seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Under WIOA the one-stop operator must be selected through a competitive process with the Council providing their recommendation to the Governor. The one-stop operator must be designated by July 1, 2015.

Jim Borszich made a motion for the DLR to proceed with the process of selecting the one-stop operator. D.J. Mertens seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.