

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2011
Manley Auditorium – Wood River

In Attendance: Jay Hawley , Charlie Juneau, Jim Pennekamp, Gerry Schuetzenhofer, Dave Stoecklin, Chuck Unger, Rod Wolter, Matt Jones, Connie Vick, and Lucy Chappee.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Charlie Juneau.

Approval of Minutes (Action)

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the February 24, 2011 minutes.

Executive Committee Report (Action)

Connie Vick presented the PY2011 classroom Training Provider/Program list for review; the list was identical to the PY2010 list. A motion was made, seconded and carried to recommend approval of the list to the full board in June.

Supporting Economic Development

Jim reported that business retention team visits had started in the Riverbend Area and that the first visit in southwest Madison County would be in late May. He explained to the committee that the visits were being made in conjunction with local chamber representatives, per mutual agreement. Background information and data from the visits is being entered into the Synchronist System by the staff at MCETD and the Riverbend Growth Association.

CIMET Report

Matt Jones reported in Paul Wellhausen's absence that the CIMET met on April 21st and primary discussion was centered on the MOU, which is due May 31, 2011. He said that a deadline extension was requested but denied by DCEO, so it is anticipated that the MOU will have to be submitted without complete partner cost sharing information due to unknown PY2011 budget allocations. Matt reported that the East Alton office finished up the tax project in April with approximately 1,600 returns filed, but added that refund amounts were not yet known. Matt announced that the Jobs Plus Jobs Fair was tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2011 and that IDES would soon be replacing its skills match software with Job Link and adding TORQ (Transferable Occupation Relationship Quotient), which will be available to local workforce areas.

Communications Report

Lucy Chappee reported for Laura Reed that they were working together on the summer newsletter and that it should be out in June. Lucy also reported that due to some printing errors in the WIB's annual report, the printer provided a refund and some corrected copies.

Membership Report

Chuck reported that the board still needs a second member from Bond County and Dave responded that Brock Willeford had been enlisted to help with that selection.

Chuck also brought to the attention of the committee that a slate of board officers would need to be presented and voted upon at the June WIB meeting.

Youth Council Report

Jay reported that about 320 seventh and eighth graders attended the Bond County Jr. High Career Day on April 19th. Students were from Greenville, Sorento and Pocahontas Jr. High Schools and were able to attend 5 breakout sessions of their choice. The Greenville High School Career Day was on April 20th and was attended by approximately 100 seniors. Students got to chose three of seven possible breakout sessions to attend. Bob Daiber gave a keynote address each day and Mark Drone, the Regional Superintendent of schools for Bond County, participated in the junior high event. Jay said that all feedback was positive.

Business Services Report

Matt reported that in the last three months, Linda Odle had been in contact with 46 businesses. Additionally she and MCETD staff conducted testing for Conoco Phillips Refinery in April --- testing approximately 100 potential coke loader operators.

WIA Allocations

David reported that Illinois received a 17% cut in allocations but that the local areas still did not know what their PY2011 allocations would be. He said he expected to hear soon, but in the meant time was making contingency plans and looking at other regional funding opportunities.

Summer Youth

David reported that due to decreased funding, the summer youth program had been severely curtailed, but staffing for the Venice Community Garden Project would continue under the community gardens work experience grant.

Title 1B Update

A summary was provided in the meeting packet.

Grants Update

There was nothing new to report.

Other Business

Doug Whitley, the Executive Director of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, will speak to the board at the June WIB meeting.

Next Meeting

Full WIB: June 22, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. at the N.O. Nelson Campus - LeClaire Room, Edwardsville.

Executive Committee: August 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in Manley Auditorium, Wood River

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.