

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

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INVESTMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2005 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Donald Hooper called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM at the University Inn / Best Western, Canton.

Members Present: Jack Backus, Don Brining, Rich Daddario, Bruce Green, Don Hooper, Ron McDougall, Mike Noble, Steve Novacich, Richard Orton, Walt Paul, Daphne Pickert, Ryan Schermerhorn, Tim Weaver, Scott Wright

Members Absent: Doug Beachard, Sue Caswell, Paul Catanzarite, Joe Kennedy, Linda Manchester

Others Present: Raymond H. Fountain, Jr., Natalie Haggart, Jim Connor, Ed Short and Patrick Kelly (WIB Staff)

MINUTES: Moved by Mr. Daddario and seconded by Mr. Brining, the minutes of the Sept. 28, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

- Recognized and welcomed new members
- WIB Committee Assignments: Assignments distributed to attendees. Anyone preferring another committee assignment should speak with Chairman Hooper. Committee structure can be re-evaluated if needed.
- NAWB: National Association of Workforce Boards meeting scheduled for February 25 – February 28, 2006 in Washington DC. Anyone interested in attending should tell Ray Fountain.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Executive Committee: Committee met November 14th. The bulk of the meeting entailed committee assignments and the submission details of the incentive grant.
- Marketing and Board Development: No report.
- Youth Committee: Youth Committee Chairman Bruce Green reported that the Committee met on December 1 to discuss three major issues: the two resolutions on year round youth providers and Youth Council membership. The Youth Council hopes to garner more community involvement and will be outreaching accordingly.
- Ad Hoc – Health Care: Mr. Backus will be chairing this task force.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Resolution “Authorizing Incentive Grant Plan Submission” Moved by Mr. Daddario and seconded by Mr. Noble. Mr. Fountain noted that the Executive Committee reviewed the submission (details of submission distributed), citing a November 17th deadline. Mr. Fountain explained that \$3 Million had been appropriated to New York State to those areas which met/exceeded its performance standards. St. Lawrence County, having exceeded its standards by 121%, received \$372,261. Mr. Fountain cited staff's work on the project, especially that of Jim Connor. The Executive Committee reviewed 10 different activities and recommended 5 areas of activity (see distribution). Mr. Fountain

also noted that the North Country areas (St. Lawrence, Jeff-Lewis, and the Access Consortium [Franklin, Hamilton, Clinton, Essex] received approximately 1/3 of the total \$3 million in incentive funds. Resolution passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Resolution “Modifying Contract for Year Round Youth Provider [Connections]” Moved by Mr. McDougall and seconded by Mr. Green. Youth Committee Chairman Green noted that this modification reduces the participant cost from \$500 per individual to \$180 per individual. Resolution passed unanimously.
- Resolution “Extending Contract for Year Round Youth Provider [Community Youth Brigade]” Moved by Mr. Daddario and seconded by Mr. Green. Youth Committee Chairman Green noted that this resolution authorizes an extension to the Brigade’s current contract and changes wording in the proposal (see resolution). Resolution passed unanimously.
- Resolution “Committing OJT Assistance to St. Lawrence Zinc Co., LLC” Moved by Mr. Brining and seconded by Mr. Weaver. Mr. Fountain noted that the WIB previously indicated its commitment of \$200,000 as part of a financing package to assist in the reopening of the Balmat Mine. Mr. Daddario inquired as to how the job information is tracked. Mr. Fountain noted that the jobs range from laborers to electricians with wages between \$13 and \$18 per hour. The benefit package, the details of which have yet to be finalized, include health, vacation, personal. Mr. Fountain noted all participants meet with an E&T Counselor on a monthly basis to discuss the status of their contract/training. Resolution passed unanimously.
- Resolution “Modifying WIA Budget” Moved by Mr. Daddario and seconded by Mr. Wright. Mr. Fountain noted that this modification represented minor changes to the current budget. Resolution passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Presentation of Amendments to Bylaws: Chairman Hooper noted that this amendment would change the number of additional Executive Committee members to reflect the current Executive Committee assignment. No other changes to the bylaws were recommended. The Board will act upon this presentation by resolution at the next full Board meeting in March.

STAFF REPORT:

- Membership Status: Citing Mr. Lynn Blevins’ resignation from the Board and the pending approval of one business and one economic development representative, Mr. Fountain noted that the Board would still need one more business representative to reflect the minimum membership cited in the bylaws (23).
- New Member Orientation: December 19th session has been postponed. Natalie will arrange for a date in January.
- 3-Year Plan: Mr. Fountain noted the plan had been submitted to the State, which is still reviewing the plan.
- Incentive Grant Plan: Mr. Fountain noted that the Incentive Grant Plan is also still being reviewed by the State.

- One-Stop Report Card: The latest report card (July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005) was distributed to attendees.
- Next Meeting Date: Set for March 8, 2006. Chairman Hooper noted that the new committees must be strong enough to accomplish the goals they have set in place, and with the new quarterly meeting schedule, the full Board will depend heavily on the work of these committees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business and on motion of Mr. Daddario, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

/s/
Rich Daddario, Secretary