

April 2013 Minutes

**Northeast Minnesota
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING
Iron Range Resources – Eveleth MN
Wednesday, April 24, 2013**

Regularly scheduled meeting called to order by Chair Stone at 10:11 a.m.

WIB members present:

Bud Stone, Dave Hart, Barb Hilde, Roland Root, Kelly Zink, Jill Anderson, Allen Rasmussen, Paul Carlson, Al Rudeck, Terri Nystrom

Excused: Sue Collins, Betsy Harmon, Mike Valentine, Tom Jamar

Absent: John Grahek, Craig Pagel, Mitch Robertson

Staff: Michelle Ufford, Renee' Marconett

Motion was made by Carlson, supported by Rasmussen to approve the February 27, 2013 minutes as written; motion carried unanimously.

Chair Stone began meeting by introducing Barb Hilde, Financial Assistant Division Supervisor for St. Louis County, who is replacing Janet Eichholz on the Board.

Adult Career Pathways Conference
Michelle Ufford

A regional conference is scheduled at Timberlake Lodge in Grand Rapids on May 23rd to explore the development of Adult Career Pathways (ACP) and be promoted statewide through the FastTRAC network. Vickie Choitz, Project Director for the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) and the Alliance for Quality Career Pathways will be the keynote speaker. Topics will include defining Adult Career Pathways and the value proposition for workers, employers, Workforce Centers and educational systems. MNSCU faculty and administrators, Workforce development professionals, Adult Basic Education Instructors, and Community Training Providers are encouraged to attend.

Local Unified Plan Review
Michelle Ufford

WIB members were emailed the 2013 Local Unified Plan for review. Ufford informed the Board a full Local Unified Plan is required every four years, with updates submitted each year. After lengthy discussion and input from Board members, **motion was made by Rasmussen, supported by Root to accept additional changes to the 2013 Local Unified Plan as discussed.** Once all revisions have been made, a final Plan will be emailed to all members for review and final approval.

Funding Update
Michelle Ufford

A handout was distributed outlining Program Year 2013 preliminary Federal funding. At the Federal level, the State is expecting a 23% cut to the WIA Adult allocation, a 20% cut to dislocated worker funds and a 17% cut for youth funds during the first quarter of the next program year (July – September). It is currently unclear exactly what this means for local funding. The bulk of staff costs are charged to WIA funding, which could mean reductions in staffing levels in order to maintain service levels to clients. Ufford will update Board members when more information becomes available.

NE Career EdVenture Proposed Work Plan
Michelle Ufford/Bud Stone

Chair Stone recommended putting the NE Career EdVenture work plan on hold until more concrete information is received on Program Year 2013 funding levels.

Miscellaneous

WIB members gave brief updates of activities and ongoing projects in their area.

Recommendations for future meetings is to bring in speakers to discuss the Minnesota State Energy Sector Partnership (MSESP) grant, employment disparities in the region (Paul Carlson), and Affordable Care Act (Michelle Ufford), Boy Scout representative (Bud Stone).

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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