

**NORTHWEST PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL
FULL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING
March 5, 2015**

Call to Order

The Northwest Private Industry Council Workforce Investment Board (WIB) meeting was called to order at 5:41 PM, by Chairperson Leo Olson at the TRF Campus of NCTC on Thursday, March, 5, 2015.

Attendance

Northwest Private Industry Council WIB members present were Bob Evans, Tim Hagl, Christine Anderson, Leo Olson, Amber Hawkins, Mary Jo Larson, Mike Moore, Bonney Stechman, and Sue Johnson.

Guests included Chet Bodin, DEED Regional Labor Market Analyst; Curtis Zollar and Carey Castle, Northland College; and Kristine Anderson, NWPIC Executive Director.

Introductions – Introductions were made that included each attendee's name and the area that they represent.

Curtis Zoller, Northland College MNAMP Grant and UAS – Curtis informed the group of the MNAMP or Minnesota Advanced Manufacturing Partnership grant project. He stated this is a \$15million grant, but the local portion is \$600,000 and expects to train 149 students. There is a gap between what business needs and what educational programs are being offered and the gap is getting larger. The programs will include welding, machining and Mechatronics. The grant is in the planning stages, but it is anticipated that there will be sites in TRF, Roseau and EGF, but also have tele-presence sites and location in partner businesses. Expected launch date is in January 2016. Handouts were provided

Chet Bodin, DEED Regional Labor Market Analyst – our second guest for the evening was Chet Bodin, with DEED. He is a regional analyst who serves our seven counties, as well as the counties that Rural Minnesota CEP covers. His office is in Brainerd and he explained that he is of services oto our WIB and local businesses who need labor market information. He shared a power point presentation with wage data and cost of living information.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 5, 2015, meeting were reviewed and approved. A motion to approve these minutes was made by Bob Evans, with a second to this motion being made by Sue Johnson. Motion carried with all Board members in attendance approving the motion.

Committee Reports

Executive / Personnel Committee – The Executive / Personnel Committee will meet following the board meeting to discuss moving Kristine from an hourly wage to an annual salary.

Marketing/Legislative Committee - The Marketing / Legislative Committee has not met since the last Full Board meeting. There was no discussion on this item.

Operations Committee – The Operations Committee has not met since the last Full Board meeting. There was no discussion on this item.

Youth Council –

WIOA Transition

Kristine discusses the proposal by DEED regarding the designation of Workforce Development Areas. Regional cooperation will be expected, although local control will be maintained. A power point presentation was reviewed and discussed.

Programs Update

Kristine directed Board members to the attached program reports. Funds available report was reviewed and discussed. Transfer of funds from WIA DW to Adult is in progress.

Other

Kristine informed WIB members Suzan Gagner, Program Manager, had resigned her position. The job has been posted and resumes received. Interviews will be expected in the coming weeks. Christine Anderson and Sally Erickson volunteered to assist in the interviewing process.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Northwest Private Industry Full Board meeting was made by Mary Jo Larson, and seconded by Mike Moore. The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Leo Olson.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Anderson
Executive Director