# **Minutes**

# Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Board Annual Meeting

October 2, 2015

Breakfast 9:00am EST – Meeting / Awards to follow Vincennes University – Jasper Campus

**Members Present:** 

Sue Habig Michael Szakaly Chris Harlow Josh Bowman Amy O'Dell Jon Keck

Michelle Schaefer Dan Ulrich Frank Yuda Bob Stemple Lacey Peer

Lacey Peer Paula Pinkstaff Lori Williams Jim Heck Ron Hagy

Jennifer Wigginton

**WDB Staff:** 

Linda Jones Rochelle McDonald Sara Huelsman Mary Hamilton Kay Johnson Breasha Pruitt Angie Sheppard

**Others Present:** 

Samantha Nelson, WestGate
Kevin Cobb
Becky Springer, JobWorks
Jared Johnson, MS Companies
Debbie Kerns, WorkOne Southwest
Jonathan Weinzapfel, Ivy Tech
Don Schulte, WestGate
Elaine Hubbard, DWD
Larry Ordner, Congressman Bucshon

Michael Thissen, USI
Jarred Howard, PV&PC CTE
Justin Kluemper, Fifth Third
Wendy Carlton

Rebecca Griffith, JobWorks Steve Braun, DWD Commissioner Denny Spinner, City of Huntingburg Laurel Smith, Vincennes University Jerry Walden, Posey County Comm Abby Harvey, SW IN Chamber Terry Seitz, City of Jasper Kyela Jones, WorkOne Southwest Peg Boardman, DWD

Carol Jones, Congressman Bucshon Alvin Evans, PCDC

Tom Utter, Lincolnland EDC Jennifer Smith, WorkOne Southwest

Logan Carlton Zachary Carlton

Kelly Rideout, Berry Plastics

Connie Cobb

Bill Lawrence, WorkOne Southwest Jerry Parkinson, Senator J Donnelly Brittaney Goldman, MS Companies

Marilyn Pitzulo, DWD-AE Ray Niehaus, VUJC

Nancy Schroering, WorkOne Southwest Dee Shrieves, WorkOne Southwest

Liesl Disch, MS Companies

Elmer Brames, Dubois County Comm

Kent Utt, KCDC Brian Carlton Bo Drake, Ivy Tech

Keith Tungate, Berry Plastics

# Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Habig at 9:45 a.m. Eastern Time. Sue Habig welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and recognized a few guests.

#### Welcome:

Chris Gray, Dean of Vincennes University, welcomed everyone to the Vincennes University Jasper Campus.

#### **Opening Remarks:**

Mayor Dennis Spinner, Dubois County Chief Elected Official, thanked the Board for their efforts in growing the workforce and announced the new Job for America's Graduates program at Southridge High School and the housing initiative in Huntingburg.

# **Keynote Speaker:**

DWD Commissioner Steve Braun presented on the need to create an employer driven workforce by understanding the demand, needed skill sets, and aligning training appropriately, while creating awareness and helping others to understand the educational tracks and expanding career and technical education areas.

#### Minutes:

The Board reviewed the October 3, 2014 Annual Meeting minutes.

Paula Pinkstaff made a motion to accept the October 3, 2014 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. Ron Hagy seconded. Motion passed. WDB-2015-09

#### **Annual Report:**

A copy of the Program Year 2014-2015 Annual Report was given to the guests. Sue Habig highlighted the accomplishments, key initiatives and performance statistics.

# **Client of the Year Awards:**

Sue Habig presented the Client of the Year award winners; Timothy Garland – Adult, Kevin Cobb – Dislocated Worker, Logan Carlton – Youth, Tiffanie Cameron – YES program, Tara Fox – HIRE program with plaques and congratulated them for their outstanding achievements.

# **Business of the Year Award:**

Sue Habig presented MS Companies with the Business of the Year Award and thanked them for their outstanding cooperation with the WorkOne offices and their services.

# **Region 11 Outstanding JAG Specialist:**

Kyela Jones was nominated as the Outstanding JAG Specialist for Region 11 and was presented a check from the Department of Workforce Development.

### **Closing Comments:**

Sue Habig acknowledged the board staff and thanked them for their hard work.

# **Public Comment:**

None

Amy O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time. Lori Williams seconded. Motion passed. **WDB-2015-10** 

Frank Yuda, Secretary()

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