



North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board

Northcentral Technical College - 1000 W Campus Drive, Wausau
Center for Business and Industry Building - Room CBI-103/110
Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

Minutes

WDB Members Present: Marcia Christiansen, Al Chaney (phone), Bobbi Damrow (phone), Cindy Kiesling, Joe Kinsella, Kathy Drengler (phone), Jolene Peet (phone), Ron Zimmerman, Ronald Karl, Mark Kramer, Andy Thompson (phone), Paula Erickson, Matthew Murphy, Paul Herold, Patty Noland, Tyler Drake (phone) Diane Sennholz (phone), Tim Thorsen and Tom Felch

WDB Members Absent: David Eckmann, Lisa Sobczak, Casey Nye, Todd Bencke and Sandy Bishop

WDB Staff Present: CJ Tangedal, Rob Golla, Ray Rogers, John Cokl, Nicole Rice, Derek Heikkinen, and Jane Spencer

Others Present: Sara Guild, Mitchell Rupp (phone), Renee O'Day (phone), Dave Hintz (phone), Jay Verhulst (phone) and Kathy Schmitz

1. **Call to Order-** Kinsella called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.
2. **Announcement of Quorum-** There was quorum.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Murphy made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; it was seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2019-** Kiesling made a motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Felch. Motion carried
5. **Announcements from the Chief Elected Officials-** Hintz reported that the CEO's are in a time of the transition. The elections are going to be held in April. Another role of the CEO's is to recruit new board members. There are currently three vacancies. There are two in the private sector and one in the public sector.
6. **Announcements from the Chair-**Kinsella asked Paul Herold from Great Lakes Cheese and Tyler Drake from Job Service/DET/DWD to introduce them to the group. They are both new board members.
7. **Approval of the Strategic Themes for 2020 to 2024-** Spencer reviewed the three strategic themes with the group. There was discussion on changing the word "collaborate" to "coordinate". The group agreed to keep it as is. Christiansen made a motion to approve the strategic themes as presented; it was seconded by Murphy. Motion carried.
8. **Approval of setting Board meetings to Quarterly-**Felch made a motion to approve going back to quarterly meetings; it was seconded by Erickson. Motion carried. For the transition, there will be a meeting in April. After April, the meetings will be held on the second Thursday of June, September and December, 2020.

9. **Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report-** Cokl provided the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Members were referred to pages 12-15 in the meeting packet to review the documents. Murphy made a motion to approve the December 2019 Secretary/Treasurer's report; seconded by Christiansen. Motion carried. Cokl gave an overview of the audit to the group. The audit presentation was included in the packet.

10. **Workgroup/Program Summaries-**Zimmerman reported that the Executive Committee met on January 9, 2020. The committee approved the audit, the investment policy and the treasurer's report. NCWWDB is in the 5th year of the WAGE\$ grant. The Wisconsin Fast Forward - Teacher Recruitment and Training Grant will be announced on February 14th. Rice gave an update on the Windows to Work program. Rice gave an update on the Title 1 programs. Kiesling reviewed the Dislocated Worker report which was a separate handout.

11. **WIOA Local Plan-**Spencer stated that staff is currently working on the WIOA local plan. It will then be submitted for 30 day review and comment. CEO's will need to approve the plan at their March meeting.

12. **Partner Reports-**No report for OSO. Erickson reported CWITA held its strategic planning in December 2019. CWITA will expand its IT Summer Camps with UWSP from three to six for the summer of 2020. CWITA will also refocus on its K-12 outreach in the region. CWITA will partner with the Central Wisconsin Developers Group to hold its 4th annual Central Wisconsin IT Conference in Stevens Point in early October. The IT Conference will be held at the Mid-State Technical College – Stevens Point campus. The call for speakers will be released on March 2nd. Felch reported CWIMMA began its 2020 welding contest with 17 schools participating this year. CWIMMA is planning for its 2nd annual machine tool contest that will begin in April with seven schools participating this year. CWIMMA launched an early bird registration for the 2020 Heavy Metal Tour. Thirty-six businesses took advantage of the early registration so far. CWIMMA continues to work with its post-secondary partners on career pathway objectives and the successful summer programs. Guild reported on WATEA. The annual career night at Brickner's in Wausau was recently held. They handed out applications for Youth Apprenticeship at this event. DC Everest held a ribbon cutting for their new CTE facility. Guild also noted a registered apprenticeship is in development for the transportation industry. The Wheels to Work program is still going strong. Commute to Careers is still going on too. March 3rd is WATEA's annual meeting and it is WATEA's 20th anniversary.

13. **Adjournment-** Murphy made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am. The next board meeting is on April 9, 2020 at NTC in Wausau.