



North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board
CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIALS Meeting
May 16, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.
NTC Room A165/Zoom

Minutes

CEO Members Present: Rick Pease (Adams County), John Hokamp (Wood County), Michael Tautges (Oneida County), John Pavelski (Portage County)(Zoom), Bill Bialecki (Lincoln County), Ron Skallerud (Forest County), and John Hokamp (Wood County)

CEO Members Absent: Ben Pierce (Langlade County), Kurt Gibbs (Marathon County), and Richard Logan (Vilas County).

Others Present: Stephanie Elmer (DWD) and Sean Jackett(DWD)(Zoom)

Staff Present: John Cokl(Zoom), Brian Kalish, Jane Spencer, and CJ Tangedal

1. **Call the Meeting to Order** – Pease called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
2. **Approve Agenda** – Skallerud moved to approve the agenda; it was seconded by Hokamp. Motion carried.
3. **Approve Chief Elected Officials’ Minutes from February 15, 2024** – Bialecki moved to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Pease. Motion carried.
4. **Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Governance – Stephanie Elmer, Bureau of Workforce Training, Division of Employment & Training, Depart of Workforce Development.** – Stephanie Elmer presented a Power Point of a high level of WIOA and the CEO’s role.
5. **Overview of NCWWDB** – Jane Spencer presented a PowerPoint overview of the functions of NCWWDB.
6. **Accept Treasurer’s Report** – Skallerud moved to accept the treasurer’s report as presented; it was seconded by Hokamp. Motion carried.
7. **Review and Approve Program Year 2024 draft Budget** – Bialecki moved to approve the Program Year 2024 draft budget as presented; it was seconded by Skallerud. Motion carried.

- 8. PY23 WIOA Contract Reviews** – Spencer provided a results from the Mid-Year Contract Reviews for Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker and the One-Stop Operator Assessment and recommends to the group to renew both contracts for Program Year 2024.
- 9. PY24 WIOA Contract Renewals**
- **Youth, Adult, Dislocated Worker** - Hokamp moved to approve the PY24 Contract renewal for WIOA Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Worker; it was seconded by Skallerud. Motion carried.
 - **One-Stop Operator** – Skallerud moved to approve the PY24 contract for the One-Stop Operator; it was seconded by Tautges. Motion carried.
- 10. Approve New Board Member Nomination – Eva Scheppa, Director of Health Services, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc.** – Hokamp moved to approve Eva Scheppa as a new board member; it was seconded by Tautges. Motion carried.
- 11. Chief Elected Officials’ Consortium Agreement** – Spencer reviewed the current consortium agreement from two years ago, that will need to be renewed by the current group of CEO’s. Spencer will be sending it out to the group and will need to go to the board chairs for signatures.
- 12. Discussion on Workforce Issues in Each County**
- **Marathon County** – No report
 - **Adams** – Pease reported that the tourism is thriving in the county. Sand Valley is looking for employees, it is currently the economic driver in the county right now. They are opening two new restaurants and building a village. While it is helping the county economically, it is taking workers away from other businesses with competitive pay. Housing is an issue; school district staff don’t live in the county due to lack of available houses and apartments.
 - **Lincoln** – Bialecki reported the Lincoln County Economic Development Director has resigned and they are looking to fill that position again. The summit in March was successful. They have advanced their housing, have built 50 – 60 single family units and are working on townhouses and multi family units. Their biggest concern is daycare, some are barely making it.
 - **Langlade** – No report.
 - **Forest** – Skallerud reported their tourism business was hit due to the mild winter weather, affecting the sales tax, their projected revenue is down. There are issues with the logging industry and the sawmills and the Old Growth Executive Order effecting in June. One has recently shut down. Housing is an issue, looking to build a multiplex. The referendum lost 70 to 30 and the budget will need to be reduced by \$1.4 million.

- **Wood** – Hokamp reported a paper mill in Biron that a company in China owns, they shut down 25 paper machines, displacing 70 employees. Some local restaurants have closed due to lack of workers. Two of the Wood County Health facilities are short CNAs, as well as childcare facilities are short workers.
- **Oneida** – Tautges reported they have one of the fastest aging populations in the state. The county populations are increasing, but it is mostly retirees, putting more demands on services, but the working age population is decreasing. They are approved to put 50 town homes as well as 112 apartment units for rent. They recently got approval to build J1 housing to accommodate the seasonal workers.
- **Portage** – Pavelski reported they had six individuals replaced on the county board. They are looking for communication officers for the sheriff's department. The HHS department is looking for 10-14 people and mental health professionals as well as CNAs. A potato processing plant is looking to move into the area and plans to employ 100 employees.
- **Vilas** – No report.

13. Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.