

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area Consortium Board

April 11, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the NR/MR WDA Consortium Board was held on April 11, 2018 at the Wytheville Meeting Center, Wytheville VA. Those in attendance were as follows:

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Guests</u>
John Garner – Chair Eric Workman – Bland Terri Morris – Floyd Jay Williams – Giles Mary Biggs – Montgomery Rob Gropman – Radford City	Marty Holliday Beverly Burke Ronnie Martin Della Wheeler Jenny Bolte	Mike Miller – WDB Chair Betty Segal, People Inc Stephanie Hoer – Goodwill Valleys

At 10:04 am, Chair Garner called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with a moment of reflection. Chair Garner led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Garner asked Ms. Burke to call the roll. A quorum was present.

Dr. Workman made a motion to approve the previously distributed Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams and approved with Mr. Gropman abstaining.

Chair Garner opened the floor to public comment. Hearing none, he proceeded with the next item on the agenda.

Chair Garner proposed, on behalf of the Budget & Administration Committee, an increase in staff salaries by 3%. Mr. Workman made a motion to approve staff salary increase of 3% with a second from Mr. Williams. Mr. Workman asked for informational purposes what increases in salary were being made by other jurisdictions since he would be addressing that issue with his board in the near future. Discussion followed. Mr. Gropman proposed an increase of staff salaries of 2% in keeping with the State. Discussion followed. Ms. Sutherland made a motion to approve staff salary increase of 3% with a second from Ms. Biggs. A vote was called with all responding yes, except for Mr. Gropman who voted no. Motion was passed.

Chair Garner turned the meeting over to Ms. Holliday. Ms Holliday requested the slate of officers from the Nomination Committee. Mr. Workman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked Chair Garner for his service to the Board and made the following recommendation from the committee: Chair, Mr. Jay Williams, Vice-Chair, Ms Brenda Sutherland. Ms. Holliday opened the floor for additional nominations. Ms. Biggs called for the nominations to be closed. Mr. Gropman seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Holliday called for a vote accept the full slate of officers submitted by the Nomination Committee. The vote was unanimous to approve the Committee’s recommendation. Ms. Holliday turned the meeting back over to Chair Garner.

Ms. Holliday presented the WDB Nomination of Ms. Jennifer Hawks representing Carroll County Business. Mr. Workman made a motion to accept this nomination with a second from Ms. Biggs. The motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Holliday stated that because the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board was located in two GoVA jurisdictions, that the State requested that Board Staff specifically explain that it was the jurisdiction’s choice to stay as a region. She further explained that there was not any indication that the State was looking to break the Workforce Areas into Go Virginia areas, but she wanted to make sure that the members understood. Ms. Holliday also noted that

since the Consortium Board Agreement had just been executed last year, that Consortium Board members would probably be able to sign the letter of intent. She told the members that this was for informational purposes only at this point, and she would notify the Board when action needed to be taken.

Mr. Miller updated the Board on Workforce Development Board activities. He stated that the budget process has begun and funding is expected to drop for the upcoming year. Decreased funding will prevent the Boards from doing some of the things they had liked to do in the past.

Ms. Holliday updated the Board on the Executive Summary as well as two funding opportunities with GoVirginia Region 2 and Region 1. A brief discussion followed.

Ms. Holliday reviewed several handouts in the Board Packet concerning the ROI talking points, Regional Unemployment Data, Work Ready Communities, and the new branding with Virginia Career Works.

Ms. Segal, updated the Board on the One Stop Operator, highlighted the Success Story and gave the T2C update for People Incorporated while Ms. Hoer gave the T2C report for Goodwill Industries of the Valleys.

Ms. Holliday updated the Board on the CPID and Heart Grants. Ms. Bolte updated the Board on the Pathways to the American Dream Grant.

Chair Garner discussed the Travel Voucher that each Board member must complete and sign if they want to be reimbursed for their travel. The 2018 Consortium Board meeting schedule was also highlighted.

The next meeting will be a May 16, 2018 at the Wytheville Meeting Center beginning at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



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