

**Minutes**  
**Southwest Indiana Workforce Board**  
**Local Elected Officials**  
**Annual Meeting**

April 22, 2022  
8:30 a.m. CT / 9:30 a.m. ET  
VU Ft. Branch

**Members Present:**

Makenzie Coulter	David St. Clair	Drew Gerth	Marcia Forston
Lawrence Taylor	Darin Lander	Jason Nord	Angela Kirlin
Bill Bryant	Chris Pfaff	Michelle Schaefer	Sara Worstell

**Local Elected Officials Present:**

Mayor Joe Yochum	Commissioner Heather Gries
Mayor Greg Wright	Commissioner Randy Thornburg

**WDB Staff:**

Angie Sheppard	Kay Johnson	Valerie Schmidt	Mary Hamilton
Whitney Zellers	Jessica Simpson	Linda Jones	

**Others Present:**

Ryan Hatfield	Bryon Silk	Susan Vaughn	Ryan Henderson
Carla Crowe	Becky Springer	Kyle Marshall	Peg Boardman
Nancy Schroering	Cathy Cross	Sam Sisson	Molly Zentz
Daniela Vidal	Jody Robinson		

**Welcome:**

Mayor Yochum welcome everyone to the Workforce Development Board and Local Elected Officials meeting.

**Call to Order:**

Makenzie Coulter called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. CT.

**Guest Speaker:**

Kyle Marshall, Molly Zentz and Ryan Henderson with Conexus Indiana presented an overview of the Make in Move project aimed at converting Gen Z talent to career opportunities in advanced manufacturing and logistics. The presentation also included Manufacturing Readiness Grants and Education Readiness Grants overview.

**Fiscal Agent Contract:**

Mayor Yochum reported Crowe LLC has served as Region 11's Fiscal Agent since 2007 accounting for millions of dollars received and disbursed for the Region with a history of perfect audits and no disallowed costs. Crowe's current contract end date is June 30, 2022. Mayor Yochum recommended extending Crowe's Fiscal Agent services through June 30, 2024.

Commissioner Heather Gries made a motion to continue contracting with Crowe LLC as Region 11's Fiscal Agent. Mayor Greg Wright seconded. Motion passed. **WDB-2021-27**

**Regional Chief Elected Official:**

Mayor Yochum reviewed the Chief Elected Officials Agreement outlining the duties of the County Elected Officials.

Mayor Greg Wright made a motion to approve the Chief Elected Official Agreement with Mayor Joe Yochum continuing as the Chief Elected Official. Commissioner Randy Thornburg seconded. Motion passed: **WDB-2021-28**

**Neighborhood Navigators:**

Makenzie Coulter presented highlights of the new Neighborhood Navigators project explaining the Navigators provide the same services offered at WorkOne for those individuals having difficulty getting to the office. In a brief time, foot traffic and referrals are increasing.

**Brand Launch:**

Darin Lander explained the Fund Development Committee's process leading to the new logo and new website. He complemented staff and expressed appreciation of the work leading to the launch. Jessica Simpson gave a preview of the new website showing the fresh new look and ease of use. The donate button will allow donors to easily contribute much needed barrier buster efforts.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Marcia Forston made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9: 28 a.m. Central time. David St. Clair seconded. Motion passed. **WDB-2021-29**

  
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Jason Nord, Secretary

May 3, 2023  
Date