

Minutes
Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Board
Local Elected Officials
Annual Meeting

April 28, 2023
8:00 a.m. CT / 9:00 a.m. ET

Members Present:

Makenzie Coulter	Amy O'Dell	Drew Gerth	Ashley Willis
Brittney Kirwer	Elaine Graber	Jason Nord	Marcia Forston
Angela Kirlin	Jessica Kiesel-Finney	Michelle Schaefer	David St. Clair
Terry Marsh	Sara Worstell	Chris Pfaff	Roger Clark
Tyler Stock			

Local Elected Officials Present:

Terry Seitz	Mayor Joe Yochum	Mayor Greg Wright	Heather Gries
Mayor Lloyd Winnecke	Ken Montgomery	Greg Newman	

WDB Staff:

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

Others Present:

Brenda Goff	Peg Boardman	Rebecca Griffiths	Tom Kavanagh
Vic Oberhausen	Cathy Cross	Nancy Schroering	Jody Robinson
Jenna Richardt	Jamie Ruxer	Diana Igel	Amanda Thewes
Mark Kieffner	Rick Coleman	Genesis Pena	Karen Torres
Kaylea Harlen	Joselyn Hernandez	Kelly Evans	Ella Bailey
Caleb Kenworthy	Matthew Johnson	Noah Gladish	Justin Leeds
Rya Graves	Shelby Neese	Ivy Cooke	

Call to Order:

Makenzie Coulter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. CT.

Call for Additional Agenda Items: None

Guest Speakers: Jobs for America's Graduates: JAG Regional Career Development Conference First Place Winners. Jody Robinson shared State Third place Chapter Commercial winner, Princeton Community High School's commercial. Caleb Kenworthy, Matthew Johnson and Noah Gladish spoke about their experiences making the commercial.

Justin Leeds, Rya Grave, Shelby Neese and Ivy Cooke, Pike Central High School handed out their Chapter Brochure. Also sharing their experiences were Kaylea Harlen, Joselyn Hernandez, Kelly Evans and Ella Bailey, Southridge – Entrepreneurship Plan; Joselyn Hernandez, Southridge – Career Presentation; Justin Leeds, Pike Central – Employability Skills; Ivy Cooke, Pike Central – Digital Invitation/Cover Design; Karen Torres, Jasper – Creative Solutions; Genesis “Jay” Pena, Jasper – Public Speaking; Rya Graves, Pike Central – Critical Thinking; Kaylea Harlen, Southridge – Financial Literacy.

Shelby Neese, Pike Central – Outstanding Senior received honorable mention at State CDC and was Indiana’s Delegate to the National CDC.

Local Elected Officials: Mayor Joe Yochum thanked everyone for attending the Workforce Development and Local Elected Officials meeting and expressed appreciation to Vincennes University Gibson Center for use of the auditorium. Mayor Joe Yochum stated the Region has many accomplishments to celebrate this year with two of those being Neighborhood Navigators are in twenty-two locations covering five counties: Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick and Jobs for America’s Graduates’ several State award winners.

Mayor Joe Yochum thanked the Workforce Development Board for volunteering their time, energy, and knowledge.

Meeting Minutes, April 22, 2022: Mayor Joe Yochum asked for questions or corrections to the April 22, 2022 minutes.

Mayor Greg Wright made a motion to approve the April 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Heather Gries seconded. Motion passed: WDB-2022-31
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Strategic Plan Update: Makenzie Coulter provided an update on the Workforce Board’s strategic plan process to define vision, mission and values.

Meeting Minutes, March 24, 2023: Makenzie Coulter asked for corrections to the March 24, 2023 minutes.

David St. Clair made a motion to approve the March 24, 2023 meeting minutes. Brittney Kirwer seconded. Motion passed. WDB-2022-32
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One-Stop Operator/Service Provider Contract Award: The Executive Committee recommends awarding the contract to JobWorks. JobWorks’ skills and experiences have served Region 11 for nine years and their proposal addressed all the requirements in the RFP.

Michelle Schaefer made a motion to award the One-Stop Operator/Service Provider Contract to JobWorks. Marcia Forston seconded. Motion passed. WDB-2022-33
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Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Brittney Kirwer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Central time. Drew Gerth seconded. Motion passed. *WDB-2022-34*

Jason Nord

Jason Nord, Secretary

May 22, 2023

Date