

**Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board Meeting
Business & Employment Center, an Illinois workNet Center
Illinois Centre Mall, 3000 W. De Young St., Suite 800-B, Marion, Illinois
Thursday, September 24, 2009**

Minutes

- I. Call to Order** – Chair Mary M. Roe called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM with a quorum having been established. Members present were: Chair Mary Roe, Vice Chair John Alongi, Vice Chair Jim McPhail, Parliamentarian Milton Maxwell, Treasurer Kathy Lively, Wayne Bigham, Tom Caliper, June Hickey, Marion Lappin, Robert Mees, Richard Morris, John Rednour, Jack Struck, Mary Sullivan, Alan Summers and Tyler Young. Present via telephone conference call were: Vice Chair William Armstrong, Mary Ellen Bechtel, and Rex Cusumano. Others present included: Kevin Baity, Bob Campbell, William Dill, Michelle Cerutti, Roxanne Brewer-Coffey, Rosie Robinson and Bob Hopkins.
- II. Chair’s Report** – Chair Mary M. Roe announced the appointment of Mr. Marion Lappin as a new business representative on the Board. He is the owner of Lappin Trucking in Franklin County (Sesser). He is replacing Randall Crompton who was with Vernell’s Interstate Services in Williamson County. Mr. Lappin was appointed at the CLEO’s September 16th meeting. Chair Roe asked the members to welcome Marion Lappin to the Board. Mr. Lappin was given a round of applause.

The State Workforce Development Conference will be held Thursday, October 22nd and Friday October 23rd at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, Illinois. An awards banquet will be held on Thursday evening. The Chair stated Secretary Hopkins would send information about the conference to each of the members once it becomes available.

Chair Roe offered a special THANKS to the Ad Hoc Nomination Committee for their work on creating the Slate of Candidates for election as our Board Officers. The committee consisted of Chair Mary Ellen Bechtel and committee members John Hammack, Milton Maxwell, Jim McPhail and Mary Sullivan.

The Chair expressed a very special THANK YOU to Roxanne Brewer-Coffey, Michelle Cerutti, Kathy Lively and members of the MAN-TRA-CON staff, especially those who work with the youth program. DCEO monitored the youth program and had no findings. To paraphrase, DCEO basically said we have the best youth program in the state. To quote them (DCEO), “Administratively and

organizationally it is well executed. This (the MAN-TRA-CON program) is a very nice example of a well run Summer Youth Program.”

III. Consent Agenda – Following a statement by Chair Mary Roe about how the Policy and Planning, the One-Stop, and the Business and Economic Development Committees had worked very hard on these items, reviewed them and were requesting approval of the items on the consent agenda; John Rednour made a motion to approve the consent agenda as it was presented with a second by Wayne Bigham. There was a voice vote and the motion passed without objection. Approved were the SIWIB meeting minutes from June 18, 2009, the new & renewed WIA training programs, the Treasurer’s Report, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) modifications, the Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) policy and procedures modifications, the On-the-Job Training (OJT) policy and procedures modifications, and the apprenticeship policy and procedures.

IV. Reports:

a. Administrative Report – Ms. Kathy Lively thanked her Youth department staff for their work on the Summer Youth Program. She thanked those Board members who helped identify summer work sites. We have some wonderful work site supervisors who understand that working with low income adults or youth with challenges and barriers does not mean that they come ready to work with all the requisite work skills you would expect. We had some wonderful, wonderful supervisors who understood that. We may have the distinction of being the only workforce area in the state that may still be doing Summer Works at Christmas time. The Youth Council wanted us to stager the enrollments of our youth so we could spend a lot of time and attention on them instead of putting all 400 of them at work all at one time. The May 8th storms helped us with that as many worksites had to back off because of storm damage. We are still working toward 400 youth being enrolled in the program.

Ms. Lively thanked the partners, IDES and DHS, for their work on recruitment for the DuQuoin State Fair. Our youth had a photo opportunity with Governor Pat Quinn and DCEO Director Warren Ribley. Ms. Lively was pleasantly surprised as to just how many of the youth wanted a copy of their picture with the Governor. Ms. Lively thanked Governor Quinn and his office for providing this memorable event for our youth.

Ms. Lively referred members to the lay-off list in their meeting package. She stated that area lay-offs continue. She stated she would save the good news for the economic development reports that follow.

Ms. Lively thanked everyone who helped make Workforce Development Week such a huge success. DCEO Director Ribley was very impressed with all the Board members who were able to attend. Ms. Lively thanked SIWIB Chair Mary Roe for spending her entire day with the Director and his staff.

Ms. Lively stated MAN-TRA-CON is working very diligently with Crownline and she complemented Rosie Robinson, Michelle Cerutti and her staff for their efforts in working with Crownline. She stated it was a cross sectional effort on the part of her staff which involved fiscal, human resources, case managers, etc.

Ms. Lively encouraged members who had not viewed the orientation video to do so. It is a very good orientation and we did help in the creation of the video.

Ms. Lively reminded members that the Connect S.I. on-line nursing initiative will begin in a few months, January 2010. There are currently 40 LPNs enrolled in the program working toward their ADN degree. If it works successfully that could mean an additional 60 RNs in our region. We are using incumbent worker training funds and hope to encourage them to remain working in southern Illinois.

We are currently working in a thirty one county region on a health information exchange. This means a doctor or nurse can pull up at your bedside every single test, every single CAT scan, everything you have had done in your health history will be available for them to help treat you. Ms. Lively thanked Dr. Mees for his work in making the on-line nursing initiative a reality.

- b. Perry County Economic Development Report** – SIWIB Chair Mary Roe noted Mr. Jeff Ashauer the economic development official for Perry County had been asked to report on county economic development activities but Mr. Ashauer was unable to attend. She asked Dr. Jack Struck of DuQuoin and DuQuoin Mayor John Rednour if they would report on the economic development activities in DuQuoin and Perry County. Chair Roe reported that Ms. Carey Ford is the Economic Development Director for Pinckneyville. SIWIB Chair Mary Roe of Pinckneyville also reported on the economic development activities in Pinckneyville.
- c. Franklin County Economic Development Report** – William Dill Executive Director of Franklin County Regional Economic Development

Corporation (FREDCO) reported on economic development activities in Franklin County.

- d. **Jackson County Economic Development Report** – Kevin Baity Assistant City Manager of Carbondale reported on the economic development activities in and around Carbondale.
- e. **Williamson County Economic Development Report** – Bob Campbell Consultant for REDCO reported on the Regional Economic Development Corporation of Williamson County. He explained the organization’s structure and its relationship with the cities of Herrin, Carterville, Marion, Johnston City and Williamson County.
- f. **Jefferson County Economic Development Report** – Mary E. Bechtel executive director of Jefferson County Development Corporation (FCDC) reported on economic development activities in Jefferson County.
- g. **Nomination Committee Report** – Committee Chair Mary E. Bechtel offered the following slate of candidates for election as Board officers:
 - Chair – Mary Roe
 - First Vice Chair – William Armstrong
 - Second Vice Chair – John Alongi
 - Third Vice Chair – Jim McPhail, and
 - Fourth Vice Chair – Janice McConnaughy

V. Action Item:

Election of Officers – Chair Roe asked for a motion to either accept the slate of candidates as offered by the Nominating Committee or other nominations from the floor. Mr. Morris made a motion that the Board accept and elect the slate of candidates as offered by the Nomination Committee as the officers for the new program year beginning October 1, 2009. Dr. Mees seconded the motion. There was a voice vote and the motion passed without objection. Chair Roe offered her congratulations to the newly elected officers.

VI. Presentation:

- a. **Special Appreciation Award** (Tom Caliper) – Chair Mary M. Roe stated she wished to recognize an individual who has served on the Board for twenty five years. The individual has served on both the Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (SIWIB). Chair Roe recognized Mr. Tom Caliper as a labor representative on the Board with the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union and the Egyptian

Building and Construction Trades Council. Tom has been the Business Agent for the Plumbers and Pipefitters for the past 28 years and has served as a volunteer on the PIC and SIWIB for the past 25 years. Tom has been a very loyal member and an example to follow. He attended the meetings. He participated when he could and he has been there when we really needed him. Chair Roe congratulated Mr. Caliper on his accomplishment and presented Tom with a certificate and a plaque in appreciation of his twenty five years of dedicated leadership on the Boards and volunteer service to the local workforce area.

VII. Matters from the Floor

- a. Pinning** – Chair Mary M. Roe asked Mr. Lappin to come forward and be pinned. She explained that all new SIWIB members receive a SIWIB lapel pin and are asked to wear the pin to identify themselves as members of the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board. They are asked to wear the pins to SIWIB meetings and official functions. The pin signifies the State of Illinois with the five county local workforce area with a letter in each of the counties (SIWIB) representing the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board.
- b. Special Announcement** – Chair Roe wished Mr. William Armstrong a very Happy Birthday and thanked him for joining everyone for the meeting.
- c. Ribbon Cutting** – Dr. Mary Sullivan, Executive Director of the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market (SICCM), announced they had had a ribbon cutting earlier in the week to celebrate the opening of their Veterinary Technology Building. The building will house 25 students, 5 from each of the community colleges. The project was two years in the making.
- d. Local WIA Individual Achievement Award** – Michelle Cerutti asked the Board to consider Paula Porter for the local WIA Individual Achievement Award from LWA 25. She is a single mother laid-off from TUMS. She graduated with a 3.74 grade point average in the radiologic technology program at Rend Lake College and is employed today as a radiologic technologist at St. Joseph Hospital in Murphysboro. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to award the WIA Individual Achievement Award for LWA #25 to Paula Porter with a second by Kathy Lively. There was a voice vote and the motion passed.

VIII. Recognition of Guests – Chair Mary M. Roe recognized the guests, who were present: Mr. William Dill with FREDCO, Mr. Bob Campbell with REDCO, Mr.

Kevin Baity with the City of Carbondale, Ms. Rosie Robinson, Ms. Roxanne Brewer Coffey, and Ms. Michelle Cerutti with MAN-TRA-CON.

- IX. Adjournment** – With no other business for the Board, John Rednour made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Wayne Bigham. There was a voice vote; the motion passed; and, Chair Mary M. Roe adjourned the meeting.