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**Eastern Indiana Workforce Development Board**  
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**Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties**

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**FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**May 21, 2024**

**9:00 am – 10:30 am**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Jamen Bales, Ron Best, Bryan Brackemyre, Doug Brenneke, Chris Brown, Heather Flanigan, Phil Freel, Trevor Friedeberg, Rob Keisling, Commissioner John Lancaster, Jamie Meadows, Kirk Robbins, Joe Schumacher, Ashley Surpas, Shelley York

**Board Members Absent:** Caleb Beasley, Derek Dodd, Joe Henry, Kevin Polivick

**Others Present:** Lyndsey Hellems, Gus Linde, Stephanie Clawson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair, Ron Best called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. A quorum was present. Clawson took a roll call of all members present. Best welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** Best called for any declaration of conflicts of interest from Board Members. None were noted.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The Board Meeting Minutes from 2.27.24 were presented. Motion to approve by Jamie Meadows. Second by Chris Brown. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Hellems reviewed the financial report ending on 4.30.24 with 83% of the year completed. There were no concerns. Motion to approve the financial report by Rob Keisling. Second by Bryan Brackemyre. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** A slate of Board Officers was presented for July 1, 2024 – July 30, 2026. The officers include Ron Best (Chair), Joe Henry (Vice Chair), Bryan Brackemyre (Secretary), and Kirk Robbins (Past Chair). Commissioner John Lancaster was re-elected to serve another 2-year term as Regional Chief Local Elected Official on April 17, 2024, at the Chief Elected Officials' Council Meeting. Motion to approve the slate of Board Officers by Rob Keisling. Second by Heather Flanigan. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**YOUTHBUILD 2024 SERVICE PROVISION RFP:** Hellems informed the Board that notification was received last week that EIW was selected again for another 3-year grant for YouthBuild. We are asking the Board for approval to release the RFP for Service Provision and begin contract negotiations for up to \$1,000,000.00 which includes 4 contractors (MACC, Shafer Leadership, EcoRehab, and a service provider). Motion to approve by Phil Freel. Second by Kirk Robbins. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**SERVICE PROVISION CONTRACT ADDITIONAL FUNDING THRESHOLD:** Hellems explained that this is a request for the ability to contract up to an additional \$500,000 in contract modification, now up to 2.25 million from 1.75 million in October. We have not met the current threshold of \$1.75 million, but with additional funding from WIOA, RESEA, Quest, CHE, WRG, and JAG in the works, we expect to exceed the \$1.75 million threshold. Motion to approve by Rob Keisling. Second by Jamie Meadows. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**BOARD EXECUTIVE TEAM UPDATES:** Linde informed the Board of a couple of staffing changes. Ashley Williams (Director of Youth) and Wayne Williams (OSO and Employer Engagement) have taken other opportunities to further their careers. The Equus OSO member replacement for Wayne is Jamarius Jennings. The Chief Elected Officials' Council meeting was held on April 17, 2024. Vision, focuses, collaborations, community data, initiatives and delivery structures were discussion points. Linde just returned from Washington DC. He was invited to attend the Workforce Capital Hill Briefing concerning *A Stronger Workforce for America Act* which would make updates to WIOA by dedicating 50% of the adult and dislocated workers' funding towards upskilling workers and periodic reassessing of local areas to align more with labor market materials. Hellems communicated

to the Board that state monitoring will begin on June 10<sup>th</sup>. DWD released local plan guidance, and the local plan will be due by September 30<sup>th</sup>. We are waiting on DWD to release funding allotments for the regions, but DOL has released the state's funding and there seems to be very little change in the state allocation.

**BOARD CHAIR REMARKS:** Best expressed his thanks to Gus Linde for travelling to Washington DC. Best believes that seeking additional funding sources is good practice and not just relying on allocated funding.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business Ron Best called for an adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Rob Keisling. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bryan Brackemyre