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

## EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 23, 2024  
9:00 am – 10:30 am

### MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** Ron Best, Bryan Brackemyre, Joe Henry, Commissioner John Lancaster, Kirk Robbins

**Board Members Absent:**

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

**Guest:** Mike Webber, WIPFLI

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chair, Ron Best, called the Executive Board of Directors Meeting to order at 9:00am. Quorum was present.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken, and meeting moved forward.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The Executive Board Meeting Minutes from 9.26.23 were provided in the advanced materials for review. Motion to approve by Commissioner Lancaster. Second by Joe Henry. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**PY22 AUDIT REPORT:** Mike Webber from WIPFLI reviewed the PY22 audit report stating that there were no findings or deficiencies. It was a clean audit. EIW will be a low-risk auditee for 2024. Motion to approve by Joe Henry. Second by Kirk Robbins. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**FISCAL REPORT:** The fiscal report ending on 12.31.23 was presented by Lyndsey Hellems. There were no concerns at this time. Motion to approve by Kirk Robbins. Second by Joe Henry. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**BOARD EXECUTIVE TEAM UPDATES:** Linde informed that we would continue to focus on youth, work-based learning, and business engagement. We are participating in a Modern Youth Apprenticeship Cohort Planning Grant which entails strategic planning and learning. This will be completed in early spring. At that time, we will ask for additional funding to pilot a cohort of 20-30 youth apprentices. This aligns with our work with Launch Pathways which is an initiative to investigate urban and rural educational opportunity differences. We are also preparing to submit for a continuation of YouthBuild funding. EIW has submitted for a FSSA Grant which has a focus on prevention of opioid use rather than recovery. There are 2 DOL grants that are both justice related that will be submitted. At the Wayne County Chamber Banquet, EIW was recognized and received the Partner in Education Award. Hellems discussed that the OSO RFP would be released, finalization of the 2024 contract with Equus, and the beginning stages of working on an upcoming Chief Elected Officials meeting. Clawson announced the upcoming JAG Career Development Conference to be held on February 1, 2024.

**BOARD CHAIR REMARKS:** Ron Best congratulated the team for a clean audit and receiving a service award. The need for Class A truck drivers and funding was discussed.

**CHIEF LOCAL ECLECTED OFFICIAL REMARKS:** Commissioner Lancaster continued the discussion about the issues with the Class B truck drivers that Blackford County is experiencing. Some counties are using weekend classes to obtain those licenses instead of during the week when people cannot take off from work to attend. He also appreciates all the effort and hard work from the EIW Team.

**ADJOURN:** Best concluded the board meeting at approximately 9:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryan Brackemyre