

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2017, 10 AM – 12 PM (PDST)

Chaplin Building/Misener Room
1001 4th St. La Grande. Oregon 97850

By Video Conference

Zoom Meeting Link: Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/735240504>

Present:

Susie Cederholm, Chair
Joseph Franell
Sheryll Bates, Secretary

Present through a ZOOM link:

William Wyllie
Kathy Gover-Shaw, Vice Chair
Steve Lyon
Cam Preus, BMCC President

Debbie Radie
Pat Davis
Donna Keddy, DHS/VR
Dana Young, TVCC President

Absent:

Doug Dalton
Debbie Gargalis
Jim Jones
Mark Warne

Randy Fulton
Jeff Gritz
Patrick Patterson

Rich Fulton
Riley Hill
Jessie Schmidt

Guests:

Forrest Smith
Tara Bishop, CAPECO
Chris Rich, OED

Leann Rea
Courtney Crowell

EOWB Staff:

Bill Rosholt, Executive Director
Sheri McDonald, Controller
Farideh Alvijeh, Accountant
Brenda Frank, Grants & Contracts

Meeting Called to Order: 10:05 AM Quorum Established

Approval of Draft Agenda

Joseph Franell motion to approve
Sheryll Bates seconded the motion
Motion Approved by Consensus

Director's Report (Hand out provided) William Rosholt

- Future Meeting Dates:
 - Video Conferencing: October 10 and January 9
 - In-Person: April 10 Baker City, July 10, 2017
 - Location of the In-Person to be determined
- One-Stop-Operator: EOWB received a letter June 29th from the Governor that EOWB has permission to proceed as the Operator of the WorkSource Centers.

- Memorandum of Understanding went in on June 30th. The document outlines the responsibilities as agreed upon by all the partners within the seven Centers in Eastern Oregon.
- The Resource Agreement or Infrastructure Agreement is how the expenses will be shared by each partner for each Center. This is a living document that change through the years. A review is planned quarterly.
- A video about the Eastern Oregon Manufacturing Partnership was created to attract more interest in the group. The video will be placed on the website in the near future. (*Video was played for the Board members.*)
- Youth to Manufacturers project is a program exposing kids to opportunities in manufacturing. Forrest Smith will be here to reveal the videos he is editing currently. These videos will be available to CTE instructors who are unable to send students on tours or there is an interest the videos can be used to show the work available in the local areas.
- EOWB partnered with Greater Eastern Oregon development Corporation to host an Advanced Manufacturing Workshop in Pendleton. The focus was to provide ways to draw millennials to the manufacturing workplace.
- WIOA funding for EOWB was cut y approximately 5%, however, we were able to maintain the same contract dollar amount for CAPECO and TEC as last year. Officially any state money that may filter our way has not been announced at this time, I may hear more at the OWP meeting Thursday.
- Farideh Alvijeh has been hired as a part-time accountant. She bring a vast knowledge of WIOA from her prior employer and we look forward to working with her.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Sheryll Bates made the Motion to approve Minutes of May 16, 2017 with correction of name and adding the names of Susan Roberts and Leann Rea were added to those present.

Joseph Franell Seconded the Motion

Voice Vote Motion Carries

Financial Report (*handout provided*), Sheri McDonald, Controller

- Budget for 2016-17 is close to be complete. There are a few expenditures coming in but we will finish the year strong.
- The handout reflects the 2016-17 Budget, the Actual Expenditures and the budget for the 2017-18 program year.

Successes of Incumbent & Customized Training, Tara Bishop, CAPECO

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Eastern Oregon Regional Economist, Chris Rich

- Power Point Presentation: Seventeen Below: Oregon Counties and the Pre-Recession Peak
- Nineteen counties were above their pre-recession employment peak in May 2017, leaving seventeen counties still below. Most counties in Northwest Oregon are above their pre-recession peak. Counties well above their previous highs are in areas around noted population centers such as Portland, Salem, Corvallis, and Bend. Unemployment rates have fallen below pre-recession lows, at some point recently, for 35 of Oregon's 36 counties and they are currently low compared to historical trends. Crook is the only county to have not fallen below their pre-recession low. Crook County's May rate however, tied the county's pre-recession low. Low unemployment rates suggest that people who are looking for work are finding work. Although

many counties have not returned to prerecession peak employment levels, many of these continue the trend of closing in on peak. While return to pre-recession peak employment may be a good benchmark of economic recovery for many counties, population and demographic shifts, along with length of time since the Great Recession suggest that this may not be a good benchmark for certain counties such as Grant and Harney.

Youth to Manufacturing, Forrest Smith

- Mr. Smith spoke to the Board about how he believed that promoting employment through videos is fantastic for several reasons. First, videos can be easily shared and seen by a large audience overtime. Second, the people who we are targeting with these videos, are more likely to engage through a web based forum (because we all know how much young people love to communicate online). Finally, videos can be very effective because they have the potential to be highly persuasive.
- The videos he presented were made to be highly informative and teach viewers how a high school education prepares them for entry level jobs, and how those jobs can lead to a great career. These videos are also somewhat entertaining and therefore, they make the jobs look fun and desirable.
- In conclusion, Mr. Smith stated he benefited from being part of the Board's discussion and is confident that they are satisfied with the progress on the videos to this point.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Next Meeting: October 10, 2017 - Video Conferencing

Adjourn: 2:00 PM (PDST)