



Board Meeting Minutes

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Meeting called to order by Wally Corwin at 11:40am

Topic	Time	
<p>Welcome and Introductions-</p> <p>Wally Corwin, ECWIB Chair</p>	11:40am- 11:55am	<p>New private sector member introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawn Armstrong <p>New ECWIB Staff introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stefanie Siebold • Cynthia Crossman <p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Minutes from July 26, 2017 (vote required) • Ratify ECWIB 2017-18 Budget (vote required)
<p>2017-18 Budget</p> <p>Looking to the future</p>		<p>Discussion:</p> <p>Budget changes:</p> <p>Wally announced that ECWIB received \$500K in additional funds. State funding dropped 16%, but our funding increased 40% because state changed the way they calculated allocations – looked at total area covered and poverty rates, not just population density. Heather thanked Chip Massie and Wally for advocating. ECWIB has one of the lowest operating budgets in Oregon at 13%, whereas most are around 20%. This provides more funding for the field, but can change over time based on revenues. 2017-18 Budget has been approved by ECWIB Executive Committee and COWC.</p>



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		<p>ECWIB future:</p> <p>Wally shared his vision as the incoming chair. He sees that technology, software and artificial intelligence will continue to drive the economy. Our challenge is to make sure we supply our local workforce with the training needed to meet the demands of business in the changing economy. Many of our counties fit the brain drain model. Locals leave the area after college in order to find jobs. We must focus on how to keep local talent.</p> <p>Now that the ECWIB is up and running, private sector has to step up. We must engage business, get them involved, have them tell us what they need. We need feedback from business in order to plan next year's budget. Also, we need one new private sector ECWIB Board member from each region.</p> <p>Next year's focus will be to form advisory teams in each sub-region to support strategic planning and private sector engagement. We have funds in the budget for these groups.</p> <p>Branding for ECWIB in the community is another priority. We aren't recognized for the work we do when there are successes. ECWIB needs to be more visible. Wally will focus on this and is available to assist, travel and talk to groups wherever needed.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>Mark Warne moves to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented Kevin Harter seconds Consent agenda unanimously approved</p>
Sector Updates	11:55am- 12:35pm	<p>Discussion:</p> <p>South</p> <p>Specialty Agriculture – Dr. Gutierrez stressed that agriculture very is important to this region. Sees large growth resulting in the need for technology, planning, education – not just for farm workers. Specific crops are being developed for this area.</p> <p>Central</p> <p>Software/IT – Heather announced launch of the Apprenti apprenticeship model. First program will start with 22 hrs. of fulltime classroom training in software development. Local businesses will then hire apprentices at 60% of the prevailing wage. Within a year they will make 100%. This is a means of filling positions that don't need a 4-yr. degree.</p> <p>Healthcare – Pacific Source, St. Charles and ECWIB convened a sector strategy group focused on diversifying the healthcare workforce. The group has identified funds to hire a project manager for this initiative.</p> <p>North – Healthcare Sector launched on October 13, with a meeting of providers, clinics and hospitals in the Columbia Gorge and surrounding</p>



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		<p>counties coming together to identify their training and workforce needs. The group has a lot of energy and is focused on supporting a Cultural Competency training in the near future.</p> <p>Advanced Manufacturing- ECWIB is partnering with the Gorge Tech Alliance and the College of Electronics Manufacturing to offer a Soldering Training for Manufacturing and Technology companies in the Columbia Gorge. So far Cloud Cap, Insitu and Trillium have signed on.</p>
Break to grab working lunch	12:20-12:30pm	
Sub-regional Advisory Teams formation and deployment – Heather, Jessica, Stefanie	12:30-1:00pm	Breakout groups met for planning session
Debrief on Advisory Teams Heather, Jessica, Stefanie	1:00 pm – 1:20	<p>South – Kevin Harter and Heather Tramp are co-chairs. Agenda for next meeting: Identify specific skill sets required for today’s needs as well as for attracting future industry/business. Klamath Community College will be an important member/partner.</p> <p>North – Plan to look at the three business subsets – small, medium and large. Begin with small. What is the barrier for small businesses to go from functioning to thriving? Who is struggling and who is successful? We need to build partnerships; look beyond sectors. Action: Jessica to ask Lisa Farquharson if she will be co-chair with David Burger.</p> <p>Central – Need to include Warm Springs tribe, Regional Solutions and other groups that need to be represented. Want to view job vacancy reports to help identify who else should be at the table. Wally & Shawn Armstrong were suggested as co-chairs. Action: Heather to confirm with Shawn.</p>
General discussion	1:20 – 1:44 pm	<p>General discussion: Wally: Each team needs to give strong recommendations to the Board by next spring for funding/budget planning.</p> <p>State of the Workforce report is coming out and will be a good resource for data. Before April Board meeting, we need to do an analysis of Workforce centers physical locations. What are the key locations where we need to provide services? Dan Shoun was thanked for his instrumental role in securing the WorkSource location in Lakeview.</p>



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Mark Warne moves to adjourn
Kevin Harter seconds
Unanimously agreed

Meeting Adjourned by Wally Corwin at 1:44 pm

s/Mark Warne
Secretary/Treasurer

01-24-2018

Date