

FINGER LAKES WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 8:30-10:00am

Seneca County Building, Waterloo, NY

ATTENDANCE:

Members T. Albanese, S. Bischoping, M. Burnell, P. Churchill, D. Culeton, M. Davis, J. DeVault, T. Facer, M. Fortune, J. Hamm, C. Kramer, J. Mueller, J. Pellerite, B. Percy, R. Plympton, C. Schillaci, J. Sheppard
Guests: K. Bailey, S. Bentley, A. Cook, V. England, L. Freid, A. Hunt, M. Lynch, J. Marshall, J. Vrabel, A. McGraw, M. Iverson, A. Wilber
Staff: K. Springmeier, D. Brennan, A. Lesterhuis, M. Woloson, D. Sowards
Absent: L. Brennan, B. Doebelin, D. Hellert, M. Kauffman, M. Manikowski, J. McGregor, J. Miller, J. Moran, K. Morgan, R. Nye, L. Parish, M. Rusinko, A. Scheetz, D. Stuck, B. Trouskie

Mr. Mueller called the meeting to order at 8:34a.m. Introductions followed.

ECONOMIC NEWS AND UPDATES

Economic Issues/Trends/Concerns:

- Mr. Plympton noted that the manufacturing sector is seeing a revenue increase of about 3-5%. There are a lot of unknown changes for the future with the new President-elect but for now, growth is happening. The previous Kodak building will house the photonics research facility.
- Mr. Davis noted that the construction sector has been robust due to the one big project (Casino) in Seneca County.
- Mr. Facer noted that the fruit industry is enjoying the rain lately. The apple crop in Wayne County is decent but the size of the product is small. The vegetable crop suffered due to the drought.
- Mr. Mueller noted that 2016 was the worst year for dairy due to the drought. The dairy industry is impacted strongly by trade, therefore the policies of the incoming President will affect the industry. Western NY yields 8% of all dairy production. Minimum wage increases will also impact the farming industry.
- Mr. Albanese noted that ITT has seen a drop in production and sales in 2015 and 2016. They hope to grow and stabilize in 2017.

Program Changes:

- None.

Privilege of the Floor:

- Ms. Freid announced her outcomes of the past year with the Workforce Development Institute (WDI). She awarded 52 projects in the region for a total of over \$470,000.
- Ms. Hunt introduced Mr. Wilber, who is the communications liaison in the Geneva office of Congressman Tom Reed. She discussed Reed's focus moving forward. He hopes to work closely with the President on tax codes and healthcare. Discussion ensued among the board regarding policies and healthcare at a local level.

STRATEGIC PLANNING PRESENTATION

Dr. Marla Iverson presented the FLWIB's new Strategic Plan. For more information regarding the plan, please contact Ms. Springmeier.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of November 16, 2016 meeting minutes.**
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by by Ms. Churchill, seconded by Mr. Sheppard. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Resolution #08-16: Approval to Solicit RFP for One Stop Operator**
- **Resolution #09-16: Approval of Required Policies under WIOA Legislation**
 - All resolutions were moved in block to be approved by Mr. Schillaci, seconded by Mr. Sheppard. All in favor, motion carried.

SENECA COUNTY PRESENTATION

Mr. Sheppard discussed the state of Seneca County. Mr. Vrabel ended the presentation with the update on the working partnership with del Lago Resort and Casino in Seneca County. For more information, please contact Ms. Springmeier.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ms. Springmeier requested board members note their opinion about a later meeting and networking session for the March meeting on their evaluation.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 15 or 22, 2017 – TBD

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pellerite, seconded by Mr. Albanese. All in favor, meeting adjourned. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:59a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dinah Brennan
Executive Assistant