

Western Arkansas Workforce Development Board Meeting
Wiederkehr Wine Cellars
3324 Swiss Family Drive, Wiederkehr Village, AR
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM March 9, 2019

Call to Order: Stacy Muntz called the meeting of the Western Arkansas Workforce Development Board to order.

Roll Call: Board members in attendance Nanci Caillouet, Debbie Faubus-Kendrick, Doug Kinslow, Michael Lejong, Rachel Mize, Martha Moore, Stacy Muntz, Cathy Nesbit, Kyrie Post, Bruce Sikes, Erick Wiggins

Others Present: Mary Ann Lawrence, Dennis Williamson

Approval of December 11, 2018 Minutes Meeting: Doug Kinslow motioned to approve the minutes. Cathy Nesbit seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Youth Committee Report: Rachel Mize reported that committee met on 2/20/2019. There was discussion of applying for YouthBuild funding if it is offered this year. The YouthBuild is aimed at out of school youth. She shared that Habitat for Humanity is a possible partner for this grant. The committee discussed improving the communications with high school programs and colleges to know when eligible youth drop out.

Open Items

Infrastructure Cost Sharing Agreement: Dennis Williamson informed the board that the One Stop operator in in the process of review with partners to update the IFA. Partners should sign off soon.

New Business:

Local Plan: Dennis Williamson reported that the local plan is required every 4 years and updated every 2 years. Changes are expected to be minimal in this update and will be shared with CEO's. Items identified in the board retreat will also be added. Dennis will be sending out drafts soon. Update to be completed by July 1, 2019.

Crawford County Adult Education: Debbie Faubus-Kendrick reported that the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) Test is a tool that is being utilized to help employers with the hiring process. The ACT Work Ready program will help students and prospective employees with benchmark and classifications that some employers recognize.

Fort Smith Electrical JATC Graduation: Nanci Caillouet announced that the electrical apprentice program 2019 graduation will be on March 27, 2019 at 6:00pm. All board members are invited to attend.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Erick Wiggins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nanci Caillouet seconded, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.


Cathy Nesbit, Chair

6/11/2019
Date