

NORTHEAST MINNESOTA OFFICE OF JOB TRAINING
LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL BOARD
Thursday, June 14, 2018
Virginia Workforce Center
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Niemi called a regularly scheduled meeting of the Elected Official Board to order at 1:02 p.m. with the following in attendance:

Donald Niemi	Tom Rukavina	Tom Proulx
Burl Ives	Pete Walsh	Myron Bursheim

Excused: Kevin Adee
Staff: Clare Balow, Stacy Kenyon, Teri Dudley, Michelle Ufford, Randy Lampton,
Renee' Marconett
Guests: Robert Sobczak, Stephen Dickey

Motion was made by Walsh, supported by Proulx to approve the June agenda as written; with no additions or revisions, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Bursheim, supported by Proulx to approve the April 12, 2018 minutes as written; with no additions or revisions; motion carried unanimously.

Handout #1 – April 2018 Funding Summary was reviewed. All current grants and expenditures are in place. **Motion was made by Proulx, supported by Walsh to accept the April 2018 funding summary as presented; motion carried unanimously.**

NE MN Office of Job Training Staff presentations

Clare Balow, Career Specialist in Cloquet
Stacy Kenyon, Career Specialist in Cloquet
Teri Dudley, Career Specialist in Cloquet

Each of the three staff gave a presentation outlining their duties and responsibilities of providing services to underserved individuals, dislocated workers, youth, adults, and employers. Two youth participants, Robert Sobczak and Stephen Dickey, gave testimonials of their experience of working with Balow and how she has helped them overcome many barriers.

Provisional Local Workforce Development Area Designation

Under the new federal funding stream, WIOA is requesting Boards to submit a letter to DEED asking for re-designation of the seven-county area to remain a region. **Motion was made by Rukavina, supported by Proulx to approve submittal of the letter; motion carried unanimously,**

PY '18-19 Allocations

Board members received a handout outlining the PY'17 Funding Allocations. There has been an increase in funds across the board. Funds for the Rural Career Counseling position are expected to be ongoing; \$100,000 for the Pre-Employment and Training Project are still tentative; and we have received \$240,000 for the Blandin Dislocated Worker Project which will end March 2019.

Workforce Solution Series and APEX study

Ufford gave an update on the Workforce Solutions Series for employers. All three parts of the series have taken place with over 145 different organizations participating. These series will continue in the Fall with other topics.

The APEX regional workforce assessment initiative is finally getting off the ground. An RFP was sent out and Ufford is part of the committee that is interviewing potential candidates to assist APEX with the workforce skills assessment. The board will be updated as more information is received.

Motion was made by Walsh, supported by Ives to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be in August. A poll will be sent out to find a convenient date for the majority to meet.