



Board Meeting
Friday, October 8, 2010 9am-12pm
Northern Nevada Electrical Training Center
4635 Longley Lane, Suite 108, Reno, Nevada

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Brad Woodring called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM
2. Board Member Introductions/Quorum Confirmation

Nevadaworks Council Members Present: Danny Campos, Shirley Chantrill, Alan Darney, Ken Dugan, David Meares, Tom Miller, Jim Nelson, Vicki Newell, Nancy Rutherford, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Maria Sheehan, Greg Smith, Len Stevens, Kris Wells, Geoff Wilson, Brad Woodring

Nevadaworks Council Members Absent: Ardell Galbreth, Jeff Griffin, Brian Moore, Tony Ramirez, Russ Romine, Tom White. Tim Neville and John Larsen have resigned from the board.

Local Elected Officials Present: Denise Castle (for Mike Olson), Phyllis Hunewill, Austin Osborne (for Bob Kershaw), Mike Page, Warren Russell, Gwen Washburn, Bonnie Weber

Local Elected Officials Absent: Darin Bloyed, Richard Carney, Dan Cassinelli, Al Kramer, Chris Schmidt, Jerrie Tipton

Staff Present: Jonathan Begley, Nancy Corder, Linda Devon, Tom Fitzgerald, John Thurman, Beth Wicks

Guests Present: Jerry Larsen, Donna Weidner, Chelle Robinson, Lucina Lewis, Steve Burt, Cloyd Phillips, Elise Oshiro, Gail Conkey.

A quorum of the Nevadaworks Council and the Local Elected Officials was determined present.

3. Public Comment: None
4. Nevadaworks Board 11 June 2010 Meeting Minutes Approval: There were no corrections or additions. *Motion to approve was made by Warren Russell with the second by Geoff Wilson. The motion was unanimously approved.*
5. Program Year 2010 Budget Modification: Beth Wicks explained the modifications and changes to the proposed budget that was presented at the June Board Meeting. This was done page by page to present a clear

picture of the revenues and obligations. Tom Fitzgerald provided an overview of our funding sources and criteria for disbursing these funds. Any questions by the board members were then answered. *Motion to approve the Budget Modification was made by Vicki Newell and seconded by Mike Page. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Vicki Newell to authorize the Nevadaworks staff to increase existing provider contracts as needed by a maximum of 15% of the contract amount for purposes that would not change the intent of the original proposal for just the current fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Maria Sheehan. The motion was unanimously approved.*

6. Presentations/Possible Action

A. CEO Update: Tom Fitzgerald gave a video presentation of the increase in the unemployment rate across the United States from 2007 forward. The video can be found on www.youtube.com and under the search section type in “unemployment rate map”.

B. Ridge House: Steven Burt presented the Ridge House Program that helps recently released inmates return to the workforce. He discussed the complexities and details involved in this process of prisoner and re-entry into the workforce and society. The clients can be there for several months and receive ongoing coaching for living skills and jobs, are provided substance abuse treatment if necessary and this help can come from DETR or Workforce Connections also. He gave an overview of similar agencies and programs in Nevada. Questions and discussion followed his presentation.

C. It's About Jobs Update: Jonathan Begley reported on the growth of the Nevadaworks website and the development of the It's About Jobs website and the benefits these provide for job seekers and employers. Videos will be added to the websites and there will be more media exposure to promote the websites starting in January 2011. Discussion followed the presentation and questions were answered.

D. Economic Presentation: John Seelmeyer of the Northern Nevada Business Weekly spoke about business and employment issues regarding the counties in Northern Nevada. The mining industry is now growing, while construction and tourism are down. There is potential for growth in manufacturing and distribution centers in the near future.

E. NevadaEmployerHelp.com Update: Gail Conkey spoke of the progress being made in the development of this website and the specifics of how it is set up to help employers easily get information they need.

F. Workforce Liaison Update: John Thurman introduced Donna Weidner, Chelle Robinson and Lucina Lewis as the Rural Workforce Liaisons who will cover the counties in Northern Nevada. The purpose of the workforce liaisons is to connect the employers and job seekers along with the types of training needed to fill jobs in the outlying communities. They will also be in direct contact with the northern county commissioners and will report at each board meeting.

7. Next Meeting Date and Location: Brad Woodring announced the next meeting will be on Friday, Feb. 11, 2010 and the location will be announced later.

8. Adjournment: *A motion to adjourn was made by Alan Darney and seconded by Len Stevens. The motion was unanimously approved.*