



Board Meeting
Friday, February 11, 2011 9am-12pm
KNPB Studios
1670 N. Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Brad Woodring called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM
2. Board Member Introductions/Quorum Confirmation

Nevadaworks Council Members Present: Shirley Chantrill, Ken Dugan, David Meares, Brian Moore, Jim Nelson, Vicki Newell, Tony Ramirez, Nancy Rutherford, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Maria Sheehan, Greg Smith, Len Stevens, Kris Wells, Geoff Wilson, Brad Woodring

Nevadaworks Council Members Absent: Danny Campos, Alan Darney, Jeff Griffin, Cindy Jones, Tom Miller, Russ Romine, Tom White

Local Elected Officials Present: Darin Bloyed, Dean Bullock, Denise Castle, Jim Essenpreis, Jim French, Vida Keller, Austin Osborne, Mike Page, Bonnie Weber

Local Elected Officials Absent: Richard Carney, Norm Frey, Warren Russell

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

Guests Present: Donna Weidner, Michelle Robinson, Lucina Lewis, Gail Conkey, Leandra Copeland, Al Kramer, Brad Deeds, Elise Oshiro, Michael Pennington, Sara Ashley, Jered McDonald, Kathleen Sandoval, Jesus Carreon

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

Board members who have left were thanked for their work and dedication on the Nevadaworks board. They are Phyllis Hunewill, Al Kramer and Dan Cassinelli and each was given an award for their service.

3. Public Comment: None
4. Nevadaworks Board October 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes Approval: There was one correction noted in 6F. *Motion to approve was made by Vicki Newell with the second by Greg Smith. The motion was unanimously approved.*

5. Financial: Beth Wicks and Geoff presented amendments to the budget. A request from the Elko office of JOIN was presented for additional funds to train CDL drivers. The amount requested was \$33,000. *A motion to approve the request was given by Vicki Newell and seconded by Kris Wells. The motion was unanimously approved.* Geoff Wilson gave a report from the Audit Workgroup that covered the budget change that would allow funds previously set aside for administration to be used for program services. The audit from June 30, 2010 was review and approved to be submitted to the full board. It was decided to retain Muckel Anderson for another year as the audit firm. The Workgroup voted to change their charter to allow past board members to service on the Workgroup. He asked that board members consider joining the budget committee in the near future.

6. Presentation/Possible Action:

A. Cabinet Ink Update: Sara Ashley reported on progress of employment and production at the facility along with the profits realized. Cabinet Ink is gaining recognition in Northern Nevada for training at risk youth along with the product they produce. Discussion and questions about this program followed.

B CEO Update: Tom Fitzgerald reported on the work relationship of Nevadaworks with the State and with the Southern Board and the positive aspects developing.

C. SESP Grant Update: John Thurman updated progress on the companies that applied for grants and changes needed to meet Department of Labor standards. The process is proceeding and updates will be given as contracts are awarded.

D. Youth Council Update: Ken Dugan spoke about the program developed called "Ready for Life" and the need to put resources in education for the benefit of all grade levels. A new website for youth is being developed with be up sometime in May.

E. DETR Update: Cancelled

F. DOL Update: John Thurman reported on the DOL survey of the Workforce Investment Act that will evaluate the effectiveness of this Act. This is a five year study and updates will be given when available.

G. DETR Economic Presentation: Jered McDonald of DETR gave a presentation that covered unemployment rates in northern Nevada and statewide. The mining counties are making progress with job opportunities but the progress is slow. Jobs are more available in the medical, dental and education fields. The construction industry in Nevada has been the hardest hit. The overall picture does show some progress in the economic situation in the state.

H. ItsAboutJobs.com Update: Jonathan Begley reported on the progress of this website through a survey and advertising with KPS3. The recent campaign showed that this site is successful in matching jobs to people and vice versa. The number of jobs posted is increasing each month. The website also links users to other sites for training, volunteer organizations and career aids.

I. NevadaEmployerHelp.com Update. Gail Conkey reported this website was designed to help employers in the areas of human resources, programs from TMCC and other aspects of running a business. These employers typically have a workforce of 10 or less. Employers are contacted by email and other methods.

J. Workforce Liaisons: John Thurman introduced Donna Weidner, Chelle Robinson and Lucina Lewis our liaisons from the rural areas of Northern Nevada. Each reported on the progress with organizations and individuals in their area of the state. They are finding ways to help community leaders with the use of the "Its About Jobs" and "Nevada Employer Help" websites along with teaching the rural areas about Nevadaworks. With the economic climate the outlying areas are receptive to help and training. As needs are recognized the best methods of assistance are identified and implemented.

7. Brad Woodring announced that the next meeting would be on June 10, 2011 at a location to be determined. *There was no further business and the motion to adjourn was made by Jim Essenpreis and seconded by Darin Bloyed. The motion was unanimously approved.* The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.