

Workforce Development Board of Northwest Georgia Executive Committee and CLEO Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
Rome, Georgia
and Via Zoom

Minutes

Executive Committee Members Present:

Beth Kelley
Linda McEntire
Mitchell Morgan
Terri Morgan
Cam Parker

Chief Local Elected Official Present:

Ted Rumley

Guests and Staff Present:

Lesia Lambert
Terri Morgan

Executive Committee Members Absent:

**resigned*

Jim Henry
Mike Murphy
Anthony Nash*

Linda McEntire and Ted Rumley welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

Lesia Lambert informed those present that Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) submitted a new program, the Electrical Lineworker Program, for approval and inclusion on the State Eligible Training Provider List (handouts attached). This non-credit training program is through the GNTC Department of Economic Development in partnership with Georgia Power. This 10-week program will take place at the Polk County Campus in Rockmart, GA beginning in August 2022. The program consists of 395 hours and lasts a maximum of 10 weeks. Students will learn lineworker organizational principles, workplace skills, and lineworker automation and occupational skills. Upon successful completion of the program, students will have the opportunity to earn an Electrical Lineworker Apprentice Certification (ELAC) and Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL). The total program cost is \$5,000 per participant. Ms. Lambert stated that it was staff's recommendation to approve adding the Electrical Lineworker Program on the State of Georgia Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL).

Ted Rumley asked if this would be primarily individuals in our region. Ms. Lambert replied that it would be individuals in Northwest Georgia. Beth Kelley asked if this would be a residential program. Ms. Lambert answered that it would not be residential.

Ted Rumley, the CLEO, approved this recommendation to add the Electrical Lineworker Program on the State of Georgia Eligible Training Provider List. Mitchell Morgan made the motion for the Executive Committee to approve the recommendation. Beth Kelley seconded. Motion carried with Cam Parker abstaining (due to his employment with Georgia Power) and without dissent.

Ms. Lambert stated that, due to an unforeseen increase with tuition; books; fees; reimbursements; and other related training costs, Georgia Northwestern Technical College requested an additional \$70,000 in Adult funds to offset the increased cost of training. The current total contract amount of \$1,132,730 will increase to \$1,202,730. There are approximately 200 WIOA students being served at Georgia Northwestern Technical College at this time. It is staff's recommendation to approve this request to increase the training cost and their contract budget by \$70,000. This increase of \$70,00 will cover the shortfall and increase the total contract budget amount from \$1,132,730 to \$1,202,730. Mr. Rumley asked for additional information regarding the increases. Ms. Lambert responded that the increases were due to an increase in student costs as well as the addition of the recently approved Flooring Installation Program.

Ms. Lambert noted that the Workforce Development Board had voted on this item at the March meeting and, therefore, only CLEO approval was need. Mr. Rumley approved this recommendation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.