

Joint Workforce Development Board of Northwest Georgia and Council of Chief Elected Officials of Northwest Georgia Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 11:00 a.m.
Georgia Northwestern Technical College
Calhoun, Georgia

Minutes

Attendance-WDB

WDB Members Present, County:

Eli Falls, Murray
Jim Henry, Chattooga
Beth Kelley, Walker
Linda McEntire, Whitfield
Mitchell Morgan, Gilmer
Mike Murphy, Bartow
Cam Parker, Bartow
John Parton, Polk
Lisa Shaw, Floyd
Gregg Webb, Polk

Youth Committee Members Present:

Beth Kelley

NWGRC Staff:

Carolyn Barrett
Karla Conetta
Christy Elrod
Lloyd Frasier
Susan Gentry
Tammy Helbing
Lesia Lambert
Jamye McDonald
Terri Morgan
Anthony Rucker
Phyllis Walker

WDB Members Not Present, County:

Lisa Adkisson, Fannin
Nicole Green, Polk
Michael Hamilton, Floyd*
Bre Johnson, Bartow
Randy Long, Pickens
Anthony Nash, Polk
April Rogers, Bartow*
Matthew Salmon, Polk
Cathy Smith, Gordon
Larry Stansell, Chattooga*
Carey Tucker, Floyd

Guests/Visitors:

Michelle Abdul-Qawiy
Stephanie Searce
Sheila Derry
Brandi Dover
Mitchell Jackson
Lynn Long
Lindia Moore
Anne Rapp
Claude Ricketts
Courtney Rouse
Barbara Tipton
Matthew Thomas

**resigned*

Attendance-CCEO

CCEOs Present or Represented, County:

Al Pallone, Bartow (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Steve Taylor, Bartow
Blake Elsberry, Chattooga (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Harry Harvey, Chattooga
Alex Case, Dade (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Ted Rumley, Dade
Donna Whitener, Fannin (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Craig McDaniel, Floyd
Wright Bagby, Floyd (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Becky Hood, Gordon (proxy, Bud Owens)
Ronnie Ridley, Haralson
Greg Hogan, Murray
K. W. Gong, Murray
David Carmichael, Paulding (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Andrew Carter, Polk (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Teddy Harris, Walker
Ken Gowin, Whitfield (proxy, Ted Rumley)
Jevin Jenson, Whitfield (proxy, Ted Rumley)

CCEOs Not Present or Represented, County

Steven Henry, Catoosa
Nick Millwood, Catoosa
Jamie Hensley, Fannin
Al Hoyle, Gilmer
Charlie Paris, Gilmer
Jimmy Palmer, Gordon
Pete Bridges, Haralson *
James Kelly, Paulding
Steve Lawrence, Pickens
Kris Stancil, Pickens
Hal Floyd, Polk
Shannon Whitfield, Walker

**deceased*

I. Welcome Linda McEntire/Ted Rumley/Beth Kelley

Linda McEntire, Chairman of the Workforce Development Board, and Ted Rumley, Chairman of the Council of Chief Elected Officials, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. It was established that a quorum was present for the Council of Chief Elected Officials but that a quorum was **not present** for the Workforce Development Board and therefore the Workforce Development Board would not conduct their meeting. Mr. Rumley stated that the Council of Chief Elected Officials would conduct their meeting.

II. Consent Agenda Ted Rumley

Mr. Rumley informed those present that a Consent Agenda (containing Minutes from the September 15, 2021 WDB Meeting, Minutes from the September 16, 2021 CCEO Meeting, a Performance Report, and a Dislocated Worker Report) had been e-mailed and was also attached for review. Steve Taylor made the motion that the Consent Agenda be approved by the CCEO. Craig McDaniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Georgia Workforce Leadership Association Meeting Report. Linda McEntire

Linda McEntire gave those present an update on a recent Georgia Workforce Leadership Association Meeting that she and Lesia Lambert recently attended. She referenced a handout in the package (attached) from Worksource Georgia.

IV. Workforce Development Board Membership Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert reminded those present that Larry Stancil, Mayor of Trion had resigned from the WDB. Terri Morgan sent a notice to all Mayors in the region but received no response. Ms. Lambert spoke to Harry Harvey, Mayor of Summerville, who agreed to serve and fill the category of "Chief Elected Official." Teddy Harris made the motion that the CCEO approve Harry Harvey for this vacancy. Steve Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lambert informed those present that Scott Gray, Executive Director, Tallatoona Community Action Partnership, nominated Marian Barber, Job Developer, Tallatoona Community Action Partnership, to serve in the "Community-Based Organization" category. Steve Taylor made the motion to approve this nomination. Greg Hogan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Council of Chief Elected Officials Membership Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert reminded those present that Pete Bridges, Mayor of Tallapoosa, had passed away. Ronnie Ridley, Chairman of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners, asked AJ Scott, Mayor of Buchanan, to replace Mr. Bridges on the Council of Chief Elected Officials. Mr. Scott agreed to serve. Ronnie Ridley made the motion to approve Mr. Scott for the Council of Chief Elected Officials. Greg Hogan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Fiscal Report Anthony Rucker

Anthony Rucker presented the "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Youth Summary, 11/16/2021" and the "Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Budget to Actual-Adult, DW, COVID, 11/16/21" (attached). These reports are for PY2020 and encompass the Adult, Dislocated Worker, COVID/Disaster, Youth programs. Greg Hogan asked about the line item on the Youth Report for Endless Opportunities, which is at 116%. Mr. Rucker replied that the overage will be moved to PY 2021 funds. Harry Harvey made the motion to accept these reports. Steve Taylor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Rapid Response Report Carolyn Barrett

Carolyn Barrett provided a report to those present regarding the most recent layoffs and closings in the region, included Showa and Brown Industries.

VIII. Proposal Review Committee Report and Recommendations Linda McEntire

Ms. McEntire informed those present that Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) submitted a request to add the Certified Basic Flooring Installation Program to assist eligible applicants (handouts attached). The Proposal Review Committee voted to table this matter for additional information until January, 2022.

Ms. McEntire presented a recommendation to increase supportive services payments (handouts attached). She explained that, to offset the increasing cost of living caused by the current economic conditions and pandemic, staff requested the following changes to the support policy for transportation:

- 0.5-10 miles = \$7.50 per day
- 11-25 miles = \$10.00 per day
- 26 + miles = \$12.50 per day

This is an increase from \$6.00, \$8.00, and \$10.00 that is the current policy.

She stated that staff also recommended increasing the childcare supplement to include a 2nd child. This is an increase from one child, as is the current policy, up to two children. The current rate of \$15 dollars per day, per child will not change. These changes will also allow WIOA staff to utilize available funds for Adult/DW. The Proposal Review Committee approved these changes and recommended CCEO approval. Steve Taylor made the motion to approve these changes. Greg Hogan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Youth Committee Report and Recommendations Lesia Lambert

Ms. Lambert informed those present that a Work Experience Agreement had been developed outlining the responsibilities of the participants, employers, and contractors for the virtual work experience component for youth. Ronnie Ridley made the motion to approve this Agreement. Harry Harvey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Matthew Thomas, Workforce Development Director, Cartersville-Bartow Chamber of Commerce

Matthew Thomas provided a Cartersville-Bartow Chamber Workforce Development Update.

Other

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.