Minutes

Council Members Present:  Council Members Absent:  Guests & Staff:
Ben Arp  Starr Dees*  Karla Conetta
Gail Brown  Beth Kelley  Kathryn Durham
Robb Gilstrap  Dianne Scoggins  Tammy Helbing
Curtis Kingsley  Darlene Stevens*  Kerri Hosmer
Eric Waters  Derrick McDaniel
Carol Willis  Terri Morgan

*resigned

Lesia Lambert informed those present that Derrick McDaniel had submitted a grant application to Grad Nation for funds which could possibly be used to supplement our WIOA funds. Gail Brown asked when staff would find out if the grant had been awarded. Mr. McDaniel responded that we would find out by the end of the month. Ms. Lambert also reminded committee that we have not yet received allocations for the upcoming year’s funds and that those funds may be reduced. In addition, the focus of WIOA funds is on out-of-school youth. Therefore, there is the possibility that some contractors’
budgets may be lower in the upcoming year. GDEcD Workforce Division has indicated that they
would be able to “float” funds for our area should the current funds be insufficient to cover PY
2017 obligated contracts and associated costs.

Mr. McDaniel also stated that he would be requesting budgets from providers in February and
asked that they submit those budgets in a timely manner so that upcoming contract needs can
be properly assessed. Gail Brown asked if there was a reserve of funds. Mr. Rucker stated that
there was no reserve but that if the State or NWGRC provided funds to cover contracts that the
money would have to be repaid from next year’s grant award.

Karla Conetta informed those present that youth enrollment and performance reports were
attached and noted that a correction should be made to Paxen’s total. It should read “49 of 90
slots.” She stated that enrollments are low and that staff was providing technical assistance to
the providers regarding methods for increasing enrollments. Mr. Kingsley noted that one factor
in lower enrollments for work experience could be the lower unemployment rates.

Mr. McDaniel presented proposed “Youth Committee Goals and Objectives” (attached) and
stated that, at the last meeting, Lesia Lambert had asked the Committee to take a look at these
current goals and objectives and provide input regarding ways to meet the goals or additional
goals. He stated that the Youth Committee was a working committee and staff needed input on
ways to creatively engage youth.

Mr. McDaniel presented the “Northwest Georgia Youth Work Experience Policy” (attached). He
stated that, as a result of guidance from GDEcD, an academic or educational component had
been added to this policy. Eric Waters made the motion to accept this revision to the policy.
Gail Brown seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tamika Smith, Teena’s Legacy, provided a presentation about her youth initiative.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.