

GREEN RIVER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

May 1, 2024

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The Green River Workforce Development Board (Board) held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 12:30 p.m., at GRADD with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mickey Dunbar
Kim Humphrey
Isaac Murphy
Dr. Jason Warren
Jason Cole
Mike Baker

Eddie Embry
Amanda Blohm-Thompson
Jonathan Pendergrass
Camron Knott
Cindy Fiorella

MEMBERS ABSENT

*Amanda Curry
*Kenneth Calloway
*Jason Curry
Chasity Nance
Bart Darrell
*Luke Aull

*Dan Douglas
Amanda Curry
Chris Geary
Tom Mitzel
Marybeth Henshaw

*Excused absence

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Judge/Executive David Johnston, Ohio County
Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen, Daviess County
Judge/Executive Steven Henry, Webster County



Steve Henry, Chairman | Adam O'Nan, Vice Chairman | Johnny "Chic" Roberts, Secretary | Curtis Dame, Treasurer | Joanna Shake, Executive Director

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Alisher Burikhanov, Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board
Cody Townsend, Senior Industrial Account Manager, Atmos Energy
Matt Bartlett, Equus Workforce Solutions
Brian Basham, Veteran's Employment and Training Service
Naomi Sutton, Education and Labor Cabinet
Paula Snyder, Career Development Office
Michelle Drake, Director, Workforce Development, GRADD
Jill Gray, Assistant Director, Workforce Development, GRADD
Paula Payne, Coordinator, Workforce Development, GRADD
Stacia Cole, Vocational Rehabilitation
Julia Brown, Audubon Area Community Services
Mariah Myres, Director of Administration, GRADD
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Heather Yeiser, Audubon Area Community Services
Brad Davis, GOEDC
Whitney Risley, Henderson Economic Development

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mickey Dunbar called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. It was determined a quorum was not present and no items will be voted on. Judge/Executive David Johnston and Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen were recognized and thanked for attending.

II. BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Atmos Energy was recognized as the lunch sponsor. Cody Townsend, Senior Industrial Account Manager gave a brief overview of services provided by Atmos Energy.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Bart Darrell presented the minutes of the February 7, 2024, Green River Workforce Development Board meeting.

There was no motion to approve the minutes
due to the lack of a quorum.

Secretary Darrell also presented Executive Committee minutes of January 9, 2024, for consideration.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Bart Darrell presented the financial report.

There was no motion to approve the financial report
due to the lack of a quorum.

V. GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Alisher Burikhanov, Executive Director of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board (KWIB), shared the KWIB strategy. He included data from Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) services and funds from last program year. He gave details of recent local listening sessions with all ten local workforce development areas and priorities for the coming year.

VI. RENEWAL OF DIRECT SERVICES CONTRACT

The renewal of the direct services contract and budget for EQUUS Workforce Solutions (EWS) could not be approved due to the lack of quorum. Chairperson Dunbar shared that EWS has met all quarterly deliverables as well as all terms and conditions of the contract. All programmatic and financial audits have been satisfactory. This is year three of the three one-year renewable terms. Ms. Jill Gray stated this needs to be done prior to the end of the fiscal year. A special-called meeting will be held to review the EWS contract and budget.

VII. SKILLS TO SUCCEED GRANT – DOL MONITOR RESULTS

Chairperson Dunbar shared the report from recent monitoring by DOL of the S2S grant. Correspondence has been received that all findings were resolved, and the grant continues to progress as planned with over 350 customers served and is 100% obligated for occupational skills training, work-based learning, and job seeker services. The grant will end July 20, 2024.

VIII. EQUUS QUARTERLY DELIVERABLES

Chairperson Dunbar stated that EWS met all deliverables for Quarter 4 FY23. Outreach materials have been created for the QUEST grant and new participants continue to be enrolled. He asked that everyone note the success stories included in the meeting packet. He expressed appreciation to the EWS team for their continued dedication to providing excellent service to those seeking jobs and training.

IX. KENTUCKY CAREER CENTER PARTNER UPDATES

Paula Snyder shared Career Development Office updates including Veteran's Services, Career Development Office, and Office of Unemployment data for 2023 to date, as well as a participant success story. Additionally, she gave highlights of a recent teen job fair at the Daviess County Public Library.

Jason Cole shared Office of Vocational Rehabilitation data for Quarter 1, 2024, as well as year-to-date statistics and a recent success story.

Matt Bartlett shared Equus Workforce Solutions updates including the Skills to Succeed (S2S) grant and recent hiring events and outreach. Additionally, Mr. Bartlett shared the success story of an out-of-school youth who excelled in a work-based learning opportunity and will be used by the Department of Labor as a spokesperson.

X. WORKFORCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Michelle Drake shared that \$20,000,000 has been secured through Kentucky legislature for the first time ever to assist youth (ages 15-24) in the state. This is in addition to WIOA funding. More details will be shared at the August meeting regarding what this will mean for youth in the GRADD region.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business for discussion.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairperson