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GREEN RIVER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

February 7, 2024

M-I-N-U-T-E-S

The Green River Workforce Development Board (Board) held its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 12:30 p.m., at GRADD with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Cole
Mickey Dunbar
Kim Humphrey
Isaac Murphy
Dr. Jason Warren
Kenneth Calloway
Marybeth Henshaw

Bart Darrell
Eddie Embry
Amanda Blohm-Thompson
Jonathan Pendergrass
Luke Aull
Cindy Fiorella
Mike Baker

MEMBERS ABSENT

*Amanda Curry
*Alexa Bowling
*Jason Curry
Chasity Nance

*Dan Douglas
*Camron Knott
Chris Geary
Tom Mitzel

*Excused absence

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Judge/Executive David Johnston, Ohio County
Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen, Daviess County
Matt Bartlett, Equus Workforce Solutions
Naomi Sutton, Education and Labor Cabinet
Paula Snyder, Career Development Office
Beth Ferguson, Accounting Clerk, GRADD
Michelle Drake, Director, Workforce Development, GRADD

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



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Jill Gray, Assistant Director, Workforce Development, GRADD
Paula Payne, Coordinator, Workforce Development, GRADD
Stacia Cole, Vocational Rehabilitation
Julia Brown, Audubon Area Community Services
Melissa Coker, Union County First
Monica Rice, College and Career Readiness Counselor, Owensboro Public Schools
Amanda Porter, Equus Workforce Solutions
Andrea McGehee, Equus Workforce Solutions
Brian Basham, Local Employment Veteran's Representative

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mickey Dunbar called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone. A quorum was confirmed. Judge/Executive David Johnston and Judge/Executive Charlie Castlen were recognized and thanked for attending.

II. BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Planter's Bank was recognized as the lunch sponsor. Chairperson Dunbar gave a brief overview of services provided by Planter's Bank.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Bart Darrell presented the minutes of the November 1, 2023, Green River Workforce Development Board meeting and made the motion for acceptance of the minutes.

Motion seconded by Jonathon Pendergrass to
approve minutes of the November 1, 2023, meeting
of the Green River Workforce Development Board.
A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Secretary Darrell also presented Executive Committee minutes of October 10, 2023, for consideration.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Bart Darrell presented the financial report.

A motion was made by Kenneth Calloway
and seconded by Jason Cole to accept the
FY24 Budget to date.
A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

V. GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Monica Rice, College and Career Readiness Counselor for Owensboro Public Schools shared information regarding Career & Technical Education (CTE). With CTE, students spend classroom time at Owensboro Community and Technical College while earning both high

school and college credits. This provides students the opportunity to graduate high school with an associate degree in the areas of computer science, construction technology, education, engineering, family and consumer science, health science, JROTC, and marketing. Discussion ensued regarding a youth outreach committee of the Workforce Board collaborating with local schools to promote college and career readiness. Attendees were asked to reach out to Michelle Drake if interested in serving on the committee.

V. KENTUCKY CAREER CENTER PARTNER UPDATES

Jason Cole shared Office of Vocational Rehabilitation data for Quarter 4, 2023, as well as year-to-date statistics and a recent success story.

Paula Snyder shared Career Development Office updates including Veteran's Services, Career Development Office, and Office of Unemployment data for 2023 to date, and a success story for a recent client.

Matt Bartlett shared Equus Workforce Solutions updates including the Skills to Succeed (S2S) grant and recent hiring events and outreach. Additionally, Mr. Bartlett shared details of a recent success story.

VI. EQUUS QUARTERLY DELIVERABLES

Chairperson Dunbar stated that Equus met all deliverables for Quarter 4 FY23. He expressed appreciation to the Equus team for their continued dedication to providing excellent service to those seeking jobs and training.

VII. WORKFORCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Michelle Drake shared that the final Rapid Response event will be held for Diacel employees on February 15, 2024. This Ohio County business closure involves a total of 251 employees. Assistance is available for displaced employees through WIOA funds or the QUEST grant as the S2S grant winds down.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business for discussion.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairperson