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FVWDB Strategic Programs Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 11, 2021, 2:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Members in Attendance: Henry Merrill, Debra Warga, Craig Wehner, Mark Westphal, Dave Thiel, Patti Andersen-Shew, and Margaret Winn.

Members Excused: Patty Milka and Tania Kilpatrick.

Others in Attendance: Terri Green, Anthony Snyder, Dale Walker, and Bobbi Miller.

Call to Order: Mr. Thiel called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

Approval of Agenda (Action Item): A motion was made by Mr. Westphal to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Warga. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from 12.10.2021 Strategic Programs Committee Meeting (Action Item): A motion was made by Mr. Westphal to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Winn. Motion carried.

Committee Composition (Action Item): Mr. Snyder shared the committee requirements. Based on this discussion, the committee will stay at nine and be reviewed for potential new members prior to next fiscal year. A motion was made by Mr. Thiel; seconded by Mr. Westphal to reduce the committee to nine (9) members for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion carried.

Sub-committee – Business Goals (Action Item): Mr. Thiel identified the high-level challenge of educating and retaining skilled workers and the economic effects this is having on employers. Thiel continued to share how FVWDB could make an impact on this problem while Mr. Walker and Ms. Miller shared potential strategies, partnerships and financial requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Westphal that the sub-committee continue their work based on the information provided. Ms. Winn seconded. Motion carried.

Sub-committee - Programs (Action Item): Ms. Green shared it was time to procure a new sub-recipient contract. Due to COVID related challenges, new policies and procedures and past performance of the current sub-recipient the sub-committee has recommended renewing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Action (WIOA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth contracts with Labor Education and Training Council (LETC). In consultation with the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD), we are able to extend the contract based on the National Emergency Declaration. A motion was made by Ms. Andersen-Shew to extend the current LETC contract for one year (7.1.2021 - 6.30.2022) based on the National Emergency Declaration; Mr. Westphal seconded. Motion carried.

Sub-committee – One-Stop-Operator (OSO) (Action Item): Mr. Snyder indicated the Board was happy with our existing OSO and the rapidly approaching end of the year makes procurement challenging. The current OSO partners agreed that they would continue in their same roles, maintaining the OSO collaboration for another year. **A motion was made by Mr. Merrill to extend the current OSO contract for one year (7.1.2021 - 6.30.2022); Mr. Westphal seconded. Motion carried.**

New Business – Support to Communities: Mr. Snyder introduced the newest grant, Support to Communities. This is a \$1.1 million grant that will support 50 people through various stages of training and support in the realm of recovery services. The program launched in mid-January and is proving successful with 5 new enrollees. Partnerships with various organizations will assist with outreach. A report was presented showing various levels of data collection and shared monitoring requirements. The Programs sub-committee will take responsibility for future reporting to the full-committee.

New Business - Job Center Status: Ms. Warga shared the strategic plan to re-open the job center. She also updated that a new online job fair platform, Premier Virtual, has been purchased by DWD allowing us to present virtual job fair options beginning in April.

2021 Meeting Schedule: the full committee meeting June 10, 2021, 2:30 – 4:00 pm.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn, Patti Andersen-Shew; seconded by Margaret Winn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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