

LWIA 21  
Workforce Development Board  
Youth Committee  
May 23, 2024

Matt Jones called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Chuck McEvers took over the meeting upon arrival.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was done by self-introduction and sign-in sheet

**In-Person**

Robert Heape  
Matt Jones  
Chris Casey  
Marsha Mueller  
Dr. Val Harris  
Chuck McEvers  
David Lacey  
Ben Beckwith

**Remote**

Jennifer Russell

It was announced that today is Jennifer Russell's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with U of I Extension.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Chuck McEvers ask if there were any comments or corrections on the March 28, 2024 meeting minutes included in the meeting packet. There being none:

**Motion:** It was moved by Dr. Val Harris and seconded by Robert Heape to approve the March 28, 2024 Youth Committee Minutes as presented. All votes aye. **Motion Carried.**

**Discussion Points**

Ben Beckwith went over the youth budget and gave an update. Under the youth budget, 20% must be spent on Work Experience and 50% must be spent on Out-of-School Youth. We need to meet the 80% obligation goal by the end of June. We are currently at 79.5%. The new budget will go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The new budget numbers will come in tomorrow. We will be getting a small funding increase.

Chris Casey updated the committee on local & regional projects and events. There will be two students in the Bunker Hill School working this summer on painting, putting together desks, etc. Bunker Hill School System has a funding source and wants to create a work program like Chuck's program in North Greene. The two Out-of-School Youth in Hillsboro have wrapped up their Paid Work Experience training and are both working at the theater where they have completed training.

The career specialists will be doing success stories on the Hillsboro Youth and Noah, who is working at the Animal Shelter in Carlinville.

Jennifer Russell discussed Alexis Carrol of Scott County AG program. Her numbers for FFA Members are going into the seventies. Alexis lives in Carrollton and works in Winchester. She would be a good fit for the Youth Committee. Jennifer also discussed a pilot program in West Virginia called "My Hometown is Cool." Jennifer is interested in introducing it into Illinois when it is out of the pilot stage. Matt asked what kind of time frame and Jennifer answered maybe this fall.

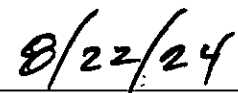
Chuck McEvers stated that he has eight, possibly nine youth for North Greene. The city council is offering to hire some youth, paying a salary and running it through Chuck's program. Chuck has spoken with C.D. Davidsmeyer's office about a possible photo shoot for some advertising possibilities. Chuck stated that these programs will change these students' lives.

Dr. Val Harris stated that LCCC could possibly go into North Greene with their Electrical Program which could lead to a dual credit, Co-op and Apprenticeship Program.

The next meeting will be August 22, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

  
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Chuck McEvers, Chair

  
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