

LWIA 21
Workforce Development Board
Youth Committee
August 22, 2024

Chair Chuck McEvers called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

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

In-Person

Robert Heape
Matt Jones
Chris Casey
Marsha Mueller-Boehler
Dr. Val Harris
Chuck McEvers
David Lacey
Betty Scheldt

Remote

Jennifer Russell

Approval of Minutes

Chair Chuck McEvers ask if there were any comments or corrections on the May 23, 2024, meeting minutes included in the meeting packet. There being none:

Motion: It was moved by Robert Heape and seconded by Jennifer Russell to approve the May 23, 2024 Youth Committee Minutes as presented. All votes aye. **Motion Carried.**

Discussion Points

Matt Jones explained the recruitment of new members for the Youth Committee, they do not necessarily need to be a Workforce Development Board member. Jennifer suggested Alexis Carroll from Carrollton, who us the FFA instructor in Winchester.

There has been an increase in the Youth funding for the PY 24 Formula Grant. The total budget is about the same as last year.

Bunker Hill and Scott County may be interested in starting up a program like Chuck's at North Green High School. Chuck would be happy to sit down with Bunker Hill for suggestions on making the program successful.

Matt is working on economic development in Carlinville to possibly start a community garden using Paid Work Experience participants. Dr. Harris stated that Lewis and Clark has a Horticulturist and Chris commented that U of I Extension has a Master Gardening Class that could possibly provide assistance.

Projects:

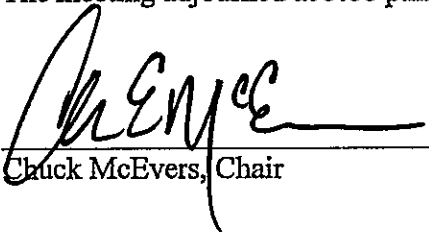
Chair McEvers explained North Greene is looking into starting a daycare. They already have a building with a cafeteria for food preparation. Inspectors are reviewing the building. The daycare would be for district employees, which may also help with teacher recruitment and retention. To take advantage of the Paid Work Experience Program, the student would take an Early Childhood Development course in their Junior year and then the Senior year, they would participate in the Paid Work Experience Program that will be used to pay for their work in the daycare. Jennifer Russell commented that Kyle Morre from GREDF, an Economic Development Group out of Adams County has a Child Care Task Force that is currently doing similar work to what Chuck is wanting to accomplish. The Superintendent at North Greene is beginning the DCFS application process for the daycare. Chuck has also talked to the Jr. High School about career exploration. Jennifer said she would be interested in attending an exploratory meeting with the Superintendent. A person from Westermeyer Industries is interested in talking to the school about opportunities for them.

Jennifer discussed a project in Calhoun County region regarding the four ferry services that feed tourism and provide residents with a way to get back and forth to work. Two are paid by the state and two are private companies. They are looking at the trajectory of their workforce and how to attract future workers. They are also looking at the cost of replacement to buy new boats, which is approximately \$5 – 8 million. They are now gearing up a regional coalition to share what is happening to the ferry system and the impact on tourism and the quality of life for the residents of the area. She also wanted to mention that Stace Holland is the new CEO at Boyd Hospital in Greene County and she shared our information with him.

Dr. Harris mentioned Lewis and Clark is close to getting an apprenticeship program for Medical Assistants.

The next meeting will be based on the Workforce Development Board's approval for the week before Thanksgiving.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.



Chuck McEvers, Chair

11/20/24

Date