

RICHLAND-CRAWFORD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
11:30 A.M.
Zoom meeting

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Angela Neef
Dorey Diab
Sharlene Neumann
Beth Delaney
Jenni Paramore
Gary Frankhouse
Clint Knight
Melody Pangborn
Tim Bowersocks
Sonja Pluck
Carl Neutzling
Doug Weisenauer
Traci Oswald
Jill Gantt

Deanne West-Torrence
Ellen Soyka
Megan Wagner-Ingram
Steven Gause

Jenni called the meeting to order at 11:30.

TPMA Launch Session

Steven Gause from Thomas P. Miller and Associates introduced himself and his team that will be working on the business outreach grant. There was discussion about the key challenges and opportunities. Some key challenges are getting workers into skilled trades such as masonry and carpentry. Another key challenge is connecting job seekers to the OMJ Centers and educate them on the opportunities in the community. Low wages is another challenge, along with the barriers of transportation and child care.

There are some opportunities with good manufacturing companies in the area. The training partners are willing and ready to provide training for individuals and companies that need it.

Prior outreach initiatives were discussed, primarily the Job Fair in May. Marketing tools were also discussed along with the community opportunities platform. Collaboration between NECIC and TPMA was discussed along with the third vendor which will be

voted on later in the meeting. The Executive Committee would like to receive updates from all three vendors at each monthly meeting.

Deanna from NECIC provided an update on their progress. They have posted the position and completed second interviews. They are also working on the Chamber subgrant agreement.

Crawford County Business Outreach Grant

The Rating Committee reviewed two applications and made a recommendation to enter into a contract with The Crawford Partnership for business outreach services specific to Crawford County. Sharlene made a motion to approve the Crawford Partnership proposal for up to \$100,000. Melody seconded the motion. Gary Frankhouse abstained. All other voting members agreed and the motion passed.

Unlikely to Return Policy will be discussed with Angela and Lori and brought back for consideration at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36.

