



West Central Wisconsin County Boards' Consortium Board

Consortium Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017 held at Dunn County Job Center

County Boards' Consortium Members Present: Ben Plunkett, Al Albarado, Joe Waichulis, Roger Larson, Colleen Bates, Gerald Bauer, Wayne Hendrickson

County Boards' Consortium Members by Phone/Conference Call: Larry Jepsen

County Boards' Consortium Member Absent: James Miller

WDB Staff: Jon Menz, Toni Oas

DWD Staff by Phone/Conference Call: Annette Meudt, Karl Dahlen, Aaron Sarbacker

Other: Scott Cox, St. Croix County Counsel

1) Call to Order

The West Central WI County Boards' Consortium was called to order.

2) Roll call of those in attendance was recorded.

3) Review and Approval of Minutes.

The Minutes of Monday, February 27, 2017 Consortium Board meeting were not reviewed. Noted on agenda had March 27th Minutes and should be February 27th, 2017.

Consortium Action: No discussion on Item #3 review of Minutes.

Agenda item for next Joint Board Meeting held on April 21st, 2017.

4) Open discussion/possible action regarding the proposal from Department of Labor/Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development for resolution of building issue.

History/timeline and status was given by Menz, Bates and DWD of the Department of Labor's WDB Board Finding from 2010 on 1996 building sale and construction of 401 Technology Drive, Menomonie property.

The Department of Labor conducted a comprehensive review of the Employment and Training programs in the State of Wisconsin during the period June 7, 2010 through September 24, 2010. Region V staff reviewed Data Validation, Labor Market Information, Reemployment Services, Statewide 15% activities, Rapid Response activities, Dislocated Worker services, Youth programs, 1512 reporting, and financial systems at DWD which included WDA 8 -West Central.

The Initial DOL Report identified Improper building usage charges by the West Central WDB Questioned Costs: \$610,310.40. The West Central WDB did not report DOL Equity in the Dunn County Job Center Building.

Final Determination for West Central: \$296,856 in proceeds received from the sale of the 401 Technology Drive East Facility will be transferred to the DOL if the property is sold.

\$866,927 in disallowed costs due to rent overcharges to federal grants for February 1999 to February 2010. (NOTE: this actually increased by \$256,616.60) as DOL further reviewed the calculations)

The State of Wisconsin filed for Appeal:

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DOL/DWD DRAFT Settlement Agreement: \$247,355 in Disallowed Costs (reduced 71.4%); \$152,979 –DOL Equity in the building (reduced 48.5%)

Bates opened floor for discussion. Menz noting that he has researched the Insurance that was in place at the time of the finding and they will not review the request until there is a settlement. The building is owned by the Workforce Resource, Inc.

Matter of discovery was noted by Plunkett:

The DOL and DWD Attorney have been in negotiations; what attorney represents the payee, Consortium? Dahlen of DWD stated he represented the DWD. No direct Attorney for Consortium Board. Rasmussen stated that this has been a long process, in the past Paul Gordon has represented the Consortium in relating documents.

Motion was made by Jepsen, 2nd Rasmussen: West Central Wisconsin County's Consortium Board votes to accept proposed settlement in the amount of \$247,355 for findings dating back to 2010 for Disallowed Costs and \$152,979 –DOL Equity in the building as presented by DWD/DOL provided that Workforce Resource, Inc. Board accepts lien on building and payment plan at 0% over 5 years. Move to table Plunkett, 2nd by Bauer.

Roll call for Motion to table:

Yes: Plunkett/Pierce

No: Jepsen/Polk; Larson; Anson/Chippewa; Hendrickson/Clark; Rasmussen/Dunn; Bates/Eau Claire

Motion defeated.

Point of order two separate motions. One for Disallowed Costs of \$247,355 over 5-year plan at 0%. 2nd motion Move to approve \$152,979 DOL Equity lien in the building. Postponed roll call for discussion. No formal motions made.

Bates opened floor for open discussion.

Final Motion by Hendrickson, 2nd Anson to move to approve the proposed resolution with the Department of Labor as proposed by DWD (\$247,355 for disallowed cost and \$152,979 for DOL equity in the building) contingent upon holding the counties harmless from any allocation in this settlement."

Yes: Jepsen/Polk; Larson; Anson/Chippewa; Hendrickson/Clark; Rasmussen/Dunn; Bates/Eau Claire

No: Plunkett/Pierce

Roll Call: Motion to approve passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Consortium meeting was adjourned.



THIS WAS AN OPEN MEETING AND WILL BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO OPEN MEETINGS.

West Central Wisconsin County Boards' Consortium Members:

Jess Miller, Barron County

Anson "Al" Albarado, Chippewa County

Joe Waichulis/Wayne Waichulis, Clark County

Diane Morehouse/Steve Rasmussen, Dunn County

Colleen Bates, Eau Claire County

Gerald Bauer, Pepin County

Ben Plunkett, Pierce County

Larry Jepsen, Polk County

Roger Larson, St. Croix County

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