

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS! CONSORTIUM BOARD  
MINUTES  
June 27, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rose Marie McQuaid  
Raymond Bartels  
Thomas Basil  
Richard Byrne  
James Graham  
Eugene Gwizdala  
Tim Novak  
Carl Ruth  
Howard Schoenherr  
Robert Woods Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kim Coonan  
Tom Hickner  
Terry Sangster

**STAFF**

Edward Oberski  
Pat Washburn  
Katie Kindred

**GUESTS**

Andrea Bridgewater, ACI  
Mike Shea, ACI  
Richard Burmeister, DHS  
Lori Dalton, DCCS

**ITEM #1      CALL TO ORDER**

Rose Marie McQuaid, Chairperson of the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., at the Midland County Michigan Works! Service Center, McQuaid Room, 1409 Washington, Midland, Michigan.

**ITEM #2      ROLL CALL**

The Consortium Board members present, staff, and guests listed were in attendance.

**ITEM #3      APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by James Graham, supported by Eugene Gwizdala:**

That the agenda is approved.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #4      CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES**

**Motion by Howard Schoenherr, supported by James Graham:**

That the minutes for the April 25, 2005 meeting of the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board are approved.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #5 AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC**

The audience was introduced and expressed no comments.

**ITEM #6 INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions.

**ITEM #7 COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. DLEG LABOR MARKET INFORMATION REPORT FOR APRIL 2005**

The Board reviewed the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG), Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives Report for April 2005.

**B. WDB MEMBER RESIGNATION**

A letter of resignation was received from WDB member, Catherine O'Connor-Harms, dated April 25, 2005.

**C. GONGWER NEWS, JUNE 7, 2005, MAJOR WELFARE POLICY CHANGES IN HOUSE DHS BUDGET**

The Board reviewed the article regarding the State proposal to impose limits on the time that a person could receive welfare. \$16.4 million in federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) would be shifted to workfare programs for those losing their state assistance.

**D. SAMPLE LETTER FROM EUGENE GWIZDALA TO FEDERAL LEGISLATORS REGARDING CAFTA**

The Board reviewed sample letters for the Consortium Board to federal legislators expressing opposition to the Central American Free Trade Act (CAFTA).

**E. USDOL DETERMINATION FINDING THAT CARROLLTON SUGAR PLANT WORKERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE**

The Board reviewed USDOL's determination that the Carrollton Sugar plant workers do not qualify for the Trade Adjustment Assistance.

**F. SAMPLE LETTERS FROM WDB CHAIR TIM QUINN TO FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS REGARDING ADULT EDUCATION AND MEDC FUNDING**

The Board reviewed sample letters from the WDB to state and federal legislators supporting funding for Adult Education, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

**G. LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DOW FOUNDATION AND TO QUALITY AIR OF MIDLAND, INC.**

The Board reviewed letters from Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! to congratulate Quality Air of Midland, Inc. for receiving the Michigan Best Small Business award, and Herbert H. & Grace A. Dow Foundation for receiving the SBA Michigan Financial Services Champion of the Year award.

**H. BUSINESS OR PROGRAM RELATED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

The Board reviewed various articles from the Saginaw News, Bay City Times, and Midland Daily News.

**Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Carl Ruth:**

That items 7A-7H are accepted.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #8      REPORTS**

**A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**1. PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the monthly WIA, Employment Service, and Work First performance reports.

**2. NOVEMBER NACO CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

It was reported that funding is available to send four Board members to the 2005 NACO Health, Human Services, and Workforce Conference scheduled for November 17-19 at the Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana. Two Board members from Saginaw, one from Bay, and one from Midland could attend.

**3. UPDATE ON GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE TO PLACE 30,000 JOBSEEKERS INTO EMPLOYMENT**

It was reported that a business services team is being built to assist our efforts in meeting the Governor's challenge to place 30,000 jobseekers into employment statewide by December 31, 2005.

**4. WDB APPROACH TO STRATEGIC PLANNING**

It was reported that the WDB would like a two-year strategic plan conducted. The WDB, Michigan Works! staff, stakeholders, and contractors will have the plan completed by December 2005.

**Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Carl Ruth:**

That items 8A-1 through 8A-4 are accepted.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #9 OLD BUSINESS**

No old business commenced.

**ITEM #10 NEW BUSINESS**

**A. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO INCREASE SAGINAW COUNTY FOC CONTRACT AMOUNT**

**Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Raymond Bartels:**

That the Consortium Board receive and file the action taken by the Workforce Development Board at its May 3, 2005 meeting to approve the increase of \$45,000 in the Saginaw FOC contract to add two positions and related computers from June 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO SUBMIT REEMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PLANS FOR PROGRAM YEAR (2005-2006)**

**1. REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES PLAN**

**Motion by Raymond Bartels, supported by Carl Ruth:**

That the Consortium Board receive and file the action taken by the WDB on June 7, 2005 to approve the Reemployment Services Plan for the

2005-2006 Program Year, and authorize signatures for related plan documents.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

## **2. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PLAN**

**Motion by Raymond Bartels, supported by Carl Ruth:**

That the Consortium Board receive and file the action taken by the WDB on June 7, 2005 to approve the Employment Services Plan for the 2005-2006 Program Year, and authorize signatures for related plan documents.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

## **C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO APPROVE 05/06 BUDGETS AND CONTRACTOR PLANNING ALLOCATIONS**

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2005-2006 budgets approved by the WDB.

**Motion by Howard Schoenherr, supported by Carl Ruth:**

That the Consortium Board receive and file the action taken by the Workforce Development Board to approve the proposed 2005/2006 Administration Office Budget, Information Technology Budget, Strategic Planning Budget, One-Stop Service Center Budgets, and Recommended Planning Allocations.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

## **ITEM #11 ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by James Graham:**

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.