

**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.