

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!  
CONSORTIUM BOARD  
NOVEMBER 17, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rose Marie McQuaid  
Raymond Bartels  
Thomas Basil  
Richard Byrne  
Kim Coonan  
Eddie Foxx

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Graham  
Eugene Gwizdala  
Carl Ruth  
Howard Schoenherr  
Robert Woods

**ALT'S. PRESENT**

James Leighb

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Patrick Wurtzel  
Tom Hickner

**MWA STAFF**

Ed Oberski  
Rose Onan  
Ken Kurecka  
Ray Ogden  
Wonzella Doyal

**GUESTS**

Mark Stevens, Midland DHS  
Heather Shope, Midland DHS  
David Scott, Midland DHS  
Sonya Groulx, Bay JET  
Brent Gilbert, Delta Corporate  
Norman Braddock, SVRC Industries

**ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ITEM #2: ROLL CALL**

The above members were present.

**ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Howard Schoenherr moved; supported by Eugene Gwizdala:**

To approve the agenda.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

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

**Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by Howard Schoenherr:**

To approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board minutes dated September 22, 2008.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #5: AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC**

The audience introduced themselves. There was no public comment.

**ITEM #6: INTRODUCTIONS**

Wonzella Doyal was introduced as the Michigan Works Facility Manager.

The following members will be leaving the Consortium Board as a result of the recent elections: Raymond Bartels, Thomas Basil and Richard Byrne. Chairperson McQuaid expressed the appreciation of the Board for their service.

**ITEM #7: COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. September 2, 2008 Workforce Development Board meeting minutes  
The Board reviewed the September 2, 2008 Workforce Development Board minutes.
  
- B. September 16, 2008 Workforce Development Board Executive Committee meeting minutes  
The Board reviewed the September 16, 2008 Workforce Development Board Executive Committee minutes.
  
- C. DLEG Labor Market Information Report for September, 2008 [listed as July, 2008 in the agenda package]  
The Board reviewed the Labor Market Information Report for September, 2008 [listed as July, 2008 in the agenda package].
  
- D. Letter from S.C. Johnson thanking Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! for its assistance during their recent hiring process  
The Board reviewed the letter from S.C. Johnson thanking Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! for its assistance during their recent hiring process.
  
- E. Tim Quinn and Bruce Grant letters of resignation from the Workforce Development Board.  
The Board reviewed letters of resignation from Workforce Development Board members Tim Quinn and Bruce Grant.

**Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by Richard Byrne:**

To receive and file Items #7-A, 7-B, 7-C, 7-D & 7-E.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #8: REPORTS**

- A. Fiscal Report  
The Board reviewed the monthly Fiscal reports.
  
- B. Program Report
  - 1. General Program  
The Board reviewed the monthly JET, Employment Service, and WIA performance reports.

2. Friend of the Court Referral Program  
The Board reviewed the monthly Friend of The Court reports.
3. [listed as 8-B-2 in agenda package] Service Center Traffic Report  
The Board reviewed the Service Center Traffic Report.
4. [listed as 8-B-3 in agenda package) Incumbent Worker Training Report  
The Board reviewed the Incumbent Worker Training Report.

**Carl Ruth moved; supported by James Graham:**

To receive and file Items #8-A, 8-B-1, 8-B-2, 8-B-3 & 8-B-4.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

C. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO Oberski stated that by Executive Order, Governor Granholm has expanded the role of the Department of Labor & Economic Growth to emphasize the growing alternative energy industry. The Department will be renamed the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG). Skip Pruss, formerly the Governor's Special Advisor on Energy Issues, has been appointed to serve as the Director of DELEG. He replaces Keith Cooley who has accepted a position as CEO of NextEnergy in Detroit.

Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! and New Covenant Inc. (the landlord) have agreed on remaining details for the lease of the new Saginaw Service Center in the old Jacobson's building. However, New Covenant Inc., has been unable to secure financing to proceed with development. We have sent a letter of commitment to assist the landlord in that regard.

Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! recently tested approximately 1,200 job applicants for S.C. Johnson over the course of about 3 weeks. S.C. Johnson indicated that the testing would have taken their company several months.

The state government news service, Gongwer, has reported that the state administration anticipates a large deficit in the current year state budget. It is possible that we may see rescissions in some of our current year programs that are supported by state funds. This could impact JET and to a lesser degree, No Worker Left Behind.

**ITEM#9: ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Staff recommendation to receive and review WDB action for approval to enter into a lease for the Saginaw County Satellite Service Center

The Board reviewed WDB action which granted Administration authority to negotiate with both bidders (Red Oak Leasing in Chesaning, and Pacionek in St. Charles); tour both facilities; and enter into a multi-year lease for the facility that offers the best package in consideration of price, location, amenities, and general quality of the facility.

**Howard Schoenherr moved; supported by Eugene Gwizdala:**

To receive and file Item #9-A.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

- B. Staff recommendation to receive and review WDB for authority to contract with service providers for the JET Plus program

The Board reviewed WDB action that granted authority to:

- Negotiate and contract for JET Plus GED services with Bullock Creek Schools as fiscal agent for Education & Training Connections in an amount not to exceed \$2,275,000 (the total amount allowed by the State for that entire program component) from October 24, 2008 to September 30, 2009;
- Negotiate and contract with the service provider selected by the State for JET Plus occupational skills training in an amount not to exceed \$1,387,500 (the total amount allowed by the State for that entire program component) from the date of selection by the state to September 30, 2009;
- Increase the SVRC JET contract for JET Plus services through September 30, 2009 by an amount not to exceed the amount remaining in JET Plus funds after the GED contract and occupational skills training contract.

**Howard Schoenherr moved; supported by Thomas Basil:**

To receive and file Item #9-B.

**Motion passed by voice vote. Carl Ruth abstained.**

- C. Staff recommendation to receive and review WDB action for approval to increase funding for the New Edge Technology consultant contract by \$10,000 from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

The Board reviewed WDB action which approved an increase of funding for the New Edge Technology consultant contract by \$10,000 from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

**Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by Kim Coonan:**

To receive and file Item #9-C.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

- D. Staff recommendation to receive and review WDB action for approval of the Essential Work Skills Certification and the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate to use as a Workforce Investment Act Credential.

The Board reviewed WDB action which approved the Essential Work Skills Certification and the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate as a Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works Agency recognized skill standard designed to equip individuals to enter, retain, or advance in employment.

**Eugene Gwizdala moved; supported by Thomas Basil:**

To receive and file Item #9-D.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

- E. Staff recommendation to receive and review WDB action to close discussion on the Bay County and Saginaw County JET Service Provider's request to phase out Friend of the Court contracts.

The Board reviewed WDB action to close discussion on the Bay County and Saginaw County JET Service Provider's request to phase out Friend of the Court contracts.

**Howard Schoenherr moved; supported by Eugene Gwizdala:**

To receive and file Item #9-E.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

- F. Staff recommendation to receive and review WDB consideration of changing the process for selection of service providers.

The Board reviewed the WDB's commencement of discussion of the procedure for the selection of service providers.

#### **ITEM #10: ADJOURNMENT**

**Eugene Gwizdala moved, supported by Thomas Basil:**

To adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.