

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY MICHIGAN WORKS! CONSORTIUM BOARD
MINUTES
April 25, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rose Marie McQuaid
Raymond Bartels
Thomas Basil
Richard Byrne
Kim Coonan
James Graham
Eugene Gwizdala
Carl Ruth

GUESTS

Paul Petiprin, Midland DHS
Andrea Bridgewater, ACI
Bill LaMere, SVRC
Carol Dwan, Bangor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Hickner
Tim Novak
Terry Sangster
Howard Schoenherr

STAFF

Edward Oberski
Pat Washburn
Esther Sanders
Ray Ogden
Katie Kindred

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 Bay County Michigan Works! Service Center, North Pointe Plaza, 4061 N. Euclid, Bay City, Michigan.

ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

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

ITEM #3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Fiscal Audit Report 2004-2005 was added as Item 8-A-5 under Reports. Change in Consortium Board schedule was added as Item 10-E under New Business.

ITEM #4 CORRECTING AND APPROVING THE MINUTES

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by James Graham:

That the minutes for March 28, 2005 of the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! Consortium Board are approved.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #5 AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC

The audience expressed no comments.

ITEM #6 INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

ITEM #7 COMMUNICATIONS

A. DLEG LABOR MARKET INFORMATION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2005

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

B. GONGWER NEWS, MARCH 4, 2005, MICHIGAN 2ND IN NATION IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Board reviewed the March 4, 2005 Gongwer News article reporting that Michigan was rated second in business expansions, and lead the nation in business development over the past eight years.

C. GONGWER NEWS, MARCH 7, 2005, RESTRUCTURE OF WORK FIRST AND DHS FOCUS ON REDUCING POVERTY

The Board reviewed the March 7, 2005 Gongwer News article regarding the restructuring of Work First and the DHS focus on reducing poverty.

D. BUSINESS OR PROGRAM RELATED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

The Board reviewed program related local newspaper articles.

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala to accept Items #7A-7D, supported by Kim Coonan. Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #8 REPORTS

A. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Board reviewed the monthly performance reports.

2. CARROLLTON SUGAR PLANT CLOSURE

The Carrollton Sugar Plant staff will be laid off in April 2005, but will be paid through May 8, 2005. Fuel costs helped determine the closure of the plant.

Discussion proceeded regarding CAFTA.

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Richard Byrne:

That a letter is sent to elected officials, state senators, and local representatives to oppose legislation for CAFTA.

Motion passed by voice vote. Dissenting: Tom Basil. Abstention: Chairperson McQuaid.

3. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN MIDLAND COUNTY

It was reported that Midland County had reduced funding to Education and Training Connection (ETC) for public transportation services for Midland. As a result, transportation services could not be provided on the weekend. Staff issued a Request for Proposals for weekend transportation services for program participants. One proposal was received, but the costs were very high and it provided service only on Saturdays. The WDB chose not to authorize a contract leaving service providers the option of handling transportation needs on a case-by-case basis.

4. REPORT ON STAFF DEVELOPMENT

It was reported that several program staff had recently completed lengthy and difficult Career Development Facilitator training.

5. FISCAL AUDIT REPORT 2004-2005

It was reported that Rehmann Robson completed the audit early in March 2005. There were no findings to report.

Motion by Raymond Bartels to accept items 8-A-1—8-A-5, supported by Carl Ruth. 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 AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND A CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL MARKETING SERVICES

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Richard Byrne:

That the Consortium Board receive and file the action taken by the WDB on April 5, 2005.

Motion passed by voice vote.

B. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACTS FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Carl Ruth:

That the Consortium Board receive and file the action taken by the WDB on April 5, 2005.

Motion passed by voice vote.

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO AUTHORIZE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACTS FOR ADDITIONAL INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING PROGRAMS

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Richard Byrne:

That the Consortium Board receive and file the action taken by the WDB on April 5, 2005.

Motion passed by voice vote. Abstention: Carl Ruth.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO RECEIVE AND FILE WDB ACTION TO AUTHORIZE A BUDGET INCREASE

That the Consortium Board receive and file the action taken by the WDB on April 5, 2005.

Motion passed by voice vote.

E. CHANGE IN CONSORTIUM BOARD SCHEDULE

Motion by Tom Basil, supported by Kim Coonan:

That the Consortium Board meetings are scheduled every other month during the summer. The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2005.

Motion passed by voice vote.

ITEM #11 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Eugene Gwizdala, supported by Kim Coonan:

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.