

**SAGINAW MIDLAND BAY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD  
FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>	<b><u>MWA STAFF</u></b>
Mike Beyer	Bruce Grant	Ed Dornseifer	Ed Oberski
Ruth Retlewski	Joseph Powe	John Nagy	Ray Ogden
Tom Begin	Robert O'Hara	Talmadge Battle	Rose Onan
Jim Bates	Lillie Williams	Gary Shepherd	Linda Sandefur
Amy Rodriguez	Lisa Hadden	Judy Barber	
Laura Hamilton	Steve Jonas	John Hill	
Tim Quinn	Odail Thorns		
Kathy Czerwinski	Dave Corcoran		
Terry King	Bernell Wiggins		
Gregory Skufca	Yves Hamel		
Dave Herrala			

**GUESTS**

Norman Braddock, SVRC  
Merry Beard, SVRC Industries  
Grace Burger, Bangor Twp Schools  
Brent Gilbert, Delta Corporate  
Bill Lamere, SVRC Industries

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Brittany Lenertz, Arnold Center  
Jason Palmer, MDLEG  
Olga Pilar, Arnold Center  
Larry Sanders, SVRC

**ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER**

Bruce Grant, WDB Chairman, called the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board (WDB) meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Bay Road Michigan Works! Service Center, Classrooms A & B, 3875 Bay Road, Saginaw, Michigan.

**ITEM #2 ROLL CALL**

The above members were present.

**ITEM #3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no additional items. Chairman Bruce Grant announced that Item #7: Presentations would be heard after Item #8: Action.

**ITEM #5 AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC**

The audience introduced themselves. There was no public comment.

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

**Motion by: Jim Bates; Supported by: Mike Beyer:**

That the Board approve the Saginaw Midland Bay Workforce Development Board minutes dated November 7, 2006.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

## **ITEM #6: INTRODUCTIONS**

Three new board members were introduced: Bernell Wiggins, Bay/Arenac Department of Human Services; Dave Herrala, Dow Chemical; and Lillie Williams, Saginaw County Community Action Committee.

Linda Sandefur, Disability Navigator, was introduced.

It was reported that Bill Lamere was chosen as the BST Team Coordinator.

## **ITEM #7 [listed as #8 on the Agenda Package]: ACTION ITEMS:**

### **A. Board Review and Advice regarding new Performance Report Information and Format**

The Board reviewed the new performance report information and format.

Discussion ensued. For the next few months, draft performance reports will be issued monthly via email or posted on the Michigan Works! website. Board members will be given the opportunity to review the draft reports and make comment with the intent of working toward a final product to be used as regular Board reports.

### **B. Fiscal Report and staff recommendation for budget amendments**

The Board reviewed the Fiscal Reports for December, 2006 and recommendations for increased expenditures.

Discussion ensued.

### **Motion by: Joseph Powe: Supported by: Terry King:**

That the Board approve the following budget amendments: Employer Customer Data Base: \$50,000; Learning Software similar to the Plato System: \$40,000; Plasma Screens for Service Centers: \$20,000; Assessment system similar to Job Fit: \$145,000; Marketing: \$220,000; and Incumbent Worker Training: \$370,000.

**Motion passed by voice vote. Tom Begin voted no.**

### **Motion by: Gregory Skufca: Supported by: Dave Corcoran:**

That the Board authorize the Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! to contract with Dow Chemical in the amount of \$230,000 for incumbent worker training. If the agreement with Dow Chemical is less than \$230,000, Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! is authorized to contract with other employers identified by the Business Services Team in consultation with local economic development agencies.

**Motion passed by voice vote. Bruce Grant and Dave Herrala abstained.**

### **C. Staff recommendation regarding Saginaw Service Center site plan development agreement.**

It was reported that the MWA, the local MRS office and Pumford Construction are coordinating efforts on new specifications as required by the State Department of Management

and Budget (DMB) in Lansing for the Saginaw Service Center site. Once that process is complete, Pumford Construction will be able to commence the detail planning work that will result in a final rent cost proposal.

The Board reviewed the staff recommendation to enter into a contingent agreement allowing Pumford Construction to be reimbursed for their final detailed planning effort if the final agreement is not approved by the WDB.

**Motion by: Odail Thorns: Supported by: Jim Bates:**

To authorize Saginaw Midland Bay Michigan Works! to enter into a contingency agreement allowing Pumford Construction to be reimbursed for its costs incurred in the detailed planning process needed to present a final rent cost to the Workforce Development Board. The amount of the agreement shall not exceed \$50,000, and Pumford shall be entitled to payment only if the Workforce Development Board rejects the final rent cost.

**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ITEM #8 [listed as #7 on the Agenda Package]: PRESENTATIONS:**

A. WIRED Program – Irma Zuckerberg, Prima Civitas

Irma Zuckerberg, Prima Civitas, gave a brief presentation on the WIRED Program. A handout entitled “MMIT Mid-Michigan Innovative Team” was distributed.

**ITEM #9: Report of the Chair:**

It was reported that Ed Tanzini, Midland County private sector, has resigned from the WDB due to poor health.

Due to time constraints, other agenda items were not presented.

**ITEM #10: ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by: Jim Bates: Supported by: Dave Herrala:**

That the meeting be adjourned.

**Motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**