

**GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!  
OPERATIONS BOARD MINUTES  
March 24, 2014**

**CONS BOARD  
MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carl Ruth  
Dan McGillivray  
Robert Woods  
James Leigeb  
Chuck Stack  
Donald Tilley  
Tom Herek

**WDB MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Joseph Powe  
Colleen Markel  
Chris Taylor  
Valerie Hoffman  
Dan Wortman  
Tom Begin  
Sharon Miller

**CONS BD MEMBERS  
ABSENT**

Kirk Kilpatrick  
Michael Hanley  
Vaughn Begick

**WDB MEMBERS  
ABSENT**

Terry King  
Jennifer Hayes  
Jeff Adamo

**MWA STAFF**

Ed Oberski  
Ken Kurecka  
Ray Ogden  
Mina Fulgencio  
Wonzella Doyal  
Amy Pringle  
Sharon Reed  
Esther Sanders  
Lisa Kleekamp

**GUESTS**

Jerrard Johnson, SVRC  
George Wright, Arnold Center  
Monica Ibanez, Delta  
Anna Willman-Onstott, Delta  
Scott Marble, ETC  
Jenny Geno, Delta  
Pam Clark, Delta

**ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER**

Co- Chair, Tom Begin called the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Operations Board Meeting to order at 3:31p.m. The meeting was held at the Michigan Works! Saginaw Service Center, Classroom C, Saginaw, Michigan.

**ITEM #2: ROLL CALL**

The above members were present.

**ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CEO Oberski requested the Board to add Foster Care Summer Youth Employment Program as Item #7.A.

**James Leigeb moved, supported by Sharon Miller:**

To approve the agenda as amended to include Foster Care Summer Youth Employment Program as Item #7.A.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

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

**Joseph Powe moved, supported by Chuck Stack:**

To approve the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Operations Board minutes dated February 24, 2014 as presented.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #5            AUDIENCE FOR THE PUBLIC**

The audience introduced themselves. There was not public comment.

**ITEM#6            INTRODUCTIONS**

The Board introduced themselves.

**ITEM#7            CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Authorization of the plan to accept Foster Care Summer Youth Employment Program for April 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014 (planned \$40,000)

**Robert Woods moved, supported by Chris Taylor:**

To approve the consent agenda

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

**ITEM #8            ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Presentation regarding Delta College and Bay-Arenac ISD federally funded Career and Technical Education and Vocational Education programs.

Bay-Arenac ISD Career Center, Assistant Principal, Jennifer Geno presented information on the Bay-Arenac, Saginaw, and Midland Regional Carl Perkins IV Career Technical Education Grant Application. The purposes of the grant are to provide an increased focus on the academic achievement of K-12 career and technical education students, and to strengthen the connections between secondary and post-secondary education regarding career and technical education. The preliminary funding allocation for the 2014-2015 fiscal years is \$730,200, a decrease of \$39,369 from the previous fiscal year due to declining enrollment. Midland ESA is projected to receive \$94,936; Saginaw City Schools-\$430,818, and Bay-Arenac ISD-\$204,456. The Bay-Arenac ISD will continue to serve as the fiscal agent for Perkins funds for this Career Initiative Region.

Pamela Clark, Executive Director of the Delta College Foundation & Institutional Advancement, Delta College presented the Carl Perkins Post-Secondary Grant Information. The purpose of post-secondary Perkins is to assist students enrolled in State-approved career education Certificate and Associate Degree programs to obtain the academic, technical, and specialty skills to successfully enter the workforce or transfer to a baccalaureate institution. Delta College is the

fiscal agent for this grant. July 2014 – June 2015 funding is uncertain at this time. However, Delta expects a reduction from the current year funding of \$587,441. The grant has been reduced 5% - 6% each of the last two years.

**Chuck Stack moved, supported by Carl Ruth:**

To concur with the Bay-Arenac ISD Career Technical Education and Delta College Post-Secondary Carl Perkins Grant applications

**Motion passed by voice vote.**

B. Continued discussion on options to reduce facility cost

CEO Oberski and Facilities Manager Wonzella Doyal updated the Board on efforts to obtain new lessees for our rented space in Saginaw Township and Chesaning. Per the Board's direction, Administration continues to explore these options in order to work toward early termination of the leases for those facilities.

CEO Oberski provided additional information on the possible option of moving the Administrative Office into the Bay City Service Center. The cost of renovating the current PATH office in Bay City would be over \$90,000, and there would be an additional charge of about \$18,000 for new carpeting. The cost to move the PATH program across the hall would be \$13,000. If we minimized renovations, the cost would still be over \$60,000 to accommodate the Administrative Office because any renovations would require expensive changes to bring the facility up to code. CEO Oberski expressed that, based on these estimated costs; it might be most feasible to maintain the Administrative Office in its current location, the Saginaw County Health Department Building. He stated that more information would be available for the Board's May meeting.

**ITEM#9            REPORTS**

A. Program Reports

COO Ken Kurecka and CEO Oberski presented the Program Reports.

B. Other Reports

CEO Oberski told the board that he will be leaving soon for Washington DC for the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) conference. Board member Jennifer Hayes will also be attending. CEO Oberski has scheduled meetings with Representative Dan Kildee and Representative Dave Camp's offices to discuss the Workforce Investment Act.

CEO Oberski informed the Board about growing pressure from the State regarding the consolidation of Michigan Works! Agencies. He informed the Board that he had suggested a potential merger plan to the two other Michigan Works! Agencies in our Prosperity Region: Central Area Michigan Works! And Region 7B Michigan Works! He assured the Board that all

talks with the other Michigan Works! Agencies were strictly tentative. Any merger plans would have to be approved by this Board and by each of the Counties involved.

CEO Oberski and Community & Business Relations Director Kristen Wenzel attended the Governors Economic Summit. At the Summit, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! received the Governor's "Connect" Award for its focus on the employer as the customer of its services, and its partnership with Delta College in that regard.

**ITEM#10        ADJOURNMENT**

**Carl Ruth moved, supported by Valerie Hoffman:**

To adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.

**Motion passed by voice vote.**