

# **YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

Regular Meeting

YPIC Boardroom

February 10, 2011

## **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ed Ford chaired the meeting and called it to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ed Ford asked Maria Chavoya to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III. ROLL CALL**

Roll was called and those present and absent were:

#### **Members Present:**

1. Maria Chavoya
2. Ramona Corrales
3. Betty DeNise
4. Ed Ford
5. Diane Hansberger
6. Tom Kiley
7. Glenn Mayle
8. Dave McDowell
9. Steve Miller
10. Ray Ochoa
11. Kelley Paulin
12. Jesus Quintana
13. Patricia Romant
14. Tom Tyree

#### **Members Absent:**

- Nancy Alter (Excused)
- Julie Engel (Excused)
- Allen Hagedorn (Excused)
- John "Bud" Johnson
- Yara Nash
- Larry Nelson (Excused)
- Karen Nicklaus (Excused)
- Barry Norman (Excused)
- Kim Padgett (Excused)
- Sam Pepper (Excused)
- Ken Rosevear (Excused)

**A quorum was thereby established.**

**Guests (From Sign in list)**

Sonia Bautista, YPIC  
Duane Murdock, DES  
Connie Fraijo, DES  
Nina Bone, YPIC  
Nidia Herrera, YPIC  
Mary Jo McIntyre, Yuma County  
Denise Mires, YPIC  
Patrick Goetz, YPIC  
Marco Garcia, YPIC

**Staff:**

John Morales, Executive Director  
Adriana McBride, Clerk of the Board

**\*IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from January 12, 2011)**

Ed Ford asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting of January 12, 2011.

Motion made by Maria Chavoya; Seconded by Tom Kiley. Motion passed.

**VI. Director's Report and Information Items**

**A. Washington Update**

- John Morales was in Washington DC for the last few days
- There is an e-mail circulating with a list of 70 Spending Cuts to be included in the Continuing Resolution
- The House would like to cut 2 billion from Job Training Programs; it has to pass the Senate and be approved by the Obama administration
- Programs in Continuing Resolution are an easy target- WIA has not been re-authorized since 2003
- President's budget- comes out on Monday
- The cuts will be spelled out by the sub-committees sometime today
- The Senate has a draft of the re-authorization bill-but we do not have a lot of details on it.
- Met with Congressman Buck McKeon representatives and want to build up the bill with the input of the National Workforce Association.
- The bill will be introduced only if it has bipartisan support.

**B. Tom Tyree- JTED Update**

- Will provide a power point presentation at the next WIB meeting.
- In the process of creating Joint Technical Education District in Yuma County.

- It will be very significant for Education and it will have a big impact in the students that participate and in the business community.

**C. State Update**

- John Morales introduced Connie Fraijo, Acting WIA Administrator, and Duane Murdock, Liaison, from Department Economic Security; they have been at YPIC since Monday conducting a monitoring review. They will have an exit interview with YPIC staff today.
- Pat Harrington (whom recently passed away) was replaced by Jim Apperson.
- At Governor's Council level, the staff contact has moved to Washington DC.
- Clarence Carter has been appointed as the new DES Director.

**D. Arizona State Board for Charter Schools**

- The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools (Board) has reviewed the fiscal year 2010 Audit for our Charter High School and there were no findings.

**E. Yuma County Workforce and Economic Development Summit- Phase II**

- Board members were given a Save the Date flyer and were invited to attend the next summit which will take place on Friday, March 18, 2011 at the Yuma County Health Department, from 11:30a.m. to 1:00p.m.

**F. Tom Kiley-Governor's Council on Small Business**

- Invited board members to provide input to a questionnaire that was distributed at the meeting.
- The questions are: 1. What are the top issues you see in our community that impacts small business? 2. What areas would you like to see the new Commerce Department (and by extension, the GCSB) focus on?
- Emphasized on the importance of strong partnerships such the ones formed in Yuma County.

**H. Rapid Response Update- by Patrick Goetz**

- The power point presentation is attached.

Marco Garcia reported the following on recruitment:

**First Solar:**

- On Jan 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> First Solar was in our office conducting interviews.
- Approximately 50 people were interviewed and 32 were hired
- 29 remain employed as some were lost through attrition
- These jobs are expected to last 2 years

**White Mountain Roofing Materials:**

- Tentatively hired 10 of our referrals
- Will interview another 6 applicants next week
- Expects to be operational within 2 weeks
- Will employ approximately 20
- White Mountain is using YPIC exclusively to recruit

**I. Proposed Next meeting date: March 9, 2011**

**VII. Discussion/Action items**

None

**VIII. Other Information and/or Committee Reports**

**Economic Development by Greg LaVann (for Julie Engel)**

- In December Commerce released a rural grant application
- Approximately 2 million offered for shovel ready projects
- Through the application process- GYEDC submitted four applications on behalf of 4 companies – one being White Mountain- 75 applications were submitted statewide;
- \$280,000 in grant funds were awarded to Yuma – Johnson Control received \$100,000 & Yuma International Airport received \$180,000
- EDA Adjustment Assistance program- applied for 3 million dollars grant
- Will be submitting application on behalf of Defense Contract Complex
- Projects: First Solar- Sun Edison-will be operational in Yuma County in 2012- they will build a 17 mega watt facility in Hyder
- Expect 150 to 200 construction jobs- GYEDC and YPIC will have a discussion with them regarding their hiring process

- Paranetics- a parachute manufacturer operating in San Luis- is in need 30 new employees-
- Working with Union Pacific for rail access in Yuma County.

**Finance and Personnel Committee, Report**

Will meet today immediately after the WIB meeting.

**Charter High School, report:**

Ed Ford reported:

- The EOC CHS Board met previous to this meeting
- Enrollment is at 102
- Attendance at 92%
- Student Council will have an auction of teacher and students on Friday.
- Student Council has been bringing in guest speakers
- Spent 55% of the budget for 58% of the year so we are right on schedule
- Next meeting will be on March 9, at 8:30a.m.

**IX. Call for Executive Session**

N/A

**X. Good of the Order**

- John Morales mentioned there was a copy of an article written by Linda Jordan regarding the services we provide at YPIC.
- Received an e-mail from client thanking the case manager, Margaret Moreno, and YPIC for the assistance she received.

**XI. Adjournment**

Ed Ford asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Maria Chavoya moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Steve Miller. The motion carried

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adriana McBride