

YUMA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Regular Meeting

YPIC Boardroom

November 10, 2010

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sam Pepper called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sam Pepper asked Ken Rosevear to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and those present and absent were:

Members Present:

1. Pat Abiles
2. Nancy Alter
3. Maria Chavoya
4. Betty DeNise
5. Julie Engel
6. Ed Ford
7. John "Bud" Johnson
8. Tom Kiley
9. Glenn Mayle
10. Dave McDowell
11. Steve Miller
12. Kelley Paulin
13. Sam Pepper
14. Patricia Romant
15. Ken Rosevear
16. Tom Tyree

Members Absent:

- Ramona Corrales (Excused)
- Allen Hagedorn
- Diane Hansberger (Excused)
- Yara Nash
- Larry Nelson (Excused)
- Karen Nicklaus (Excused)
- Barry Norman (Excused)
- Ray Ochoa (Excused)
- Kim Padgett (Excused)
- Jesus Quintana (Excused)

A quorum was thereby established.

Guests (From Sign in list)

Mary Jo McIntyre, Yuma County
Patrick Goetz, YPIC
Cynthia Marshall, YPIC
Merci Mendivil, YPIC
Stuart Smith, YPIC
Martha Camacho, YPIC
Frank Atondo, YPIC
Grace J. Wehrle, YPIC
Marla Duran, AWC
Lynn LaBrie, AWC
Elizabeth Arturi, AWC

Staff:

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

***IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (from October 13, 2010)

Sam Pepper asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Workforce Investment Board meeting of October 13, 2010.

Motion made by John “Bud” Johnson; Seconded by Maria Chavoya.

Motion passed.

VI. Director’s Report and Information Items

A. Presentation by Steve Tait from Walker & Armstrong LLP

- Conducted YPIC’s audit for fiscal year ending in June 30, 2010
- There were no findings
- Rendered a report
- All documentation was in place
- No significant changes to policies or procedures were made
- Accounting records are complete and in order
- There were no disagreements with management

John Morales thanked Steve for the presentation, and Martha Camacho for her contributions as YPIC’s Accounting Manager.

John Morales introduced Ana Machiche and stated that her appointment to the WIB will hopefully be official next Monday by the Yuma County Board of Supervisors.

B. Washington D.C. Update by John Morales

- Republicans set to gain at least 60 seats in the House of Representatives and at least 6 Senate seat

- WIA programs will face a new legislative environment
- The WIA Authorizing Committee is very likely to see profound changes
- The challenge of the local workforce system is to produce a bi-partisan House WIA reauthorization bill
- There will be a lot of competition for the funds available
- Lame duck session to start and will be indicative of WIA's future
- Expect attempts at rescissions, program terminations, and very tight spending caps
- If WIA is not reauthorized, it will be in a precarious position

C. State Update-

- The new council has been very active
- Moving towards a sector strategy
- The council hired a person to help define the sectors
- The council has also hired a person for social policy research to look at regionalization (report due on December 31st)

D. Rapid Response update by Patrick Goetz

- Russell Coil still on track for closing on February 2011
- Russell Coil's next round of layoffs will be on December 2nd
- AEA Credit Union laid off another 3 persons (YPIC is conducting a rapid response right now)
- Factory 2U has announced that they will be closing soon.
- Factory 2U's 11 employees may be securing position at Fallas Paredes, since they are somehow affiliated

Job Fair Survey:

- Surveys were sent out to all 68 employers that participated in the job fair
- 19 employers filled out the surveys and sent them back to YPIC
- The comments were very positive
- 47 persons obtained employment (from the 19 that replied)

E. Update- Grand Opening Somerton Career Center

- The grand opening took place on October 15th
- Several elected officials were in attendance
- Really good turn out (article in newspaper)

F. Update- Grand Opening MLK Youth Center

- It is another access point for services

- We teamed up with various department from City of Yuma
- After school programs and computer are available
- The Grand Opening took place on November 4th, 2010
- Really good turnout (article in newspaper)

G. Update- GYEDC Annual Meeting (by Julie Engel)

- Took place last month
- Very successful and positive feedback was received
- Main emphasis: Use the high unemployment rate to our advantage
- Apply for as many grants as possible
- Issue of infrastructure need to be solved so that empty land can be occupied
- Private sectors needs to be more engaged
- County needs to dedicate the staff for grant writing (they have the expertise)

A brief discussion took place regarding the need to apply for grants that are available.

H. Update- Southwest Futures Forum on JTEDs (by Tom Tyree)

- JTED stands for Joint Technical Education District
- Currently rolling out the concept and educating people on technical careers and JTEDs history in Arizona
- Created by Arizona legislature in 1990
- It is present in all counties of Arizona, except in Yuma county
- It is an independent school district with its own board of directors
- High School students can attend classes after school or on Saturdays or during summer time
- The classes need to be taught by certified instructors
- Students are required to pass an initial/acceptance exam
- Locations for the classes would vary (within the community) such as the hospital, automotive dealerships, college campus, etc.
- A requirement is to have two school districts collaborating
- Yuma Union High School District and Antelope High School District will work on this together since they are the only two High School Districts in the county.
- Contrary to common belief, JTED students graduate at a higher rate and are more likely to attend college.
- Students will receive college credits
- The funding available is about 4 million
- Equipment for specialized training tends to be very expensive

- Some examples of training under JTEDs include: agriculture, auto, construction, nursing, culinary arts, heavy equipment.
- Funding will come from the State and will also be raised by taxes (in average, \$5.00 per every \$100,000 of the property value)
- Tom Tyree made himself available to provide presentations to any group or organization that needs clarification or wants to know more about JTED.

I. Proposed Next meeting date: January 12, 2011

VII. Discussion/Action items

None

VIII. Other Information and/or Committee Reports

Economic Development by Julie Engel

- Working on JTED project
- Also collaborating with the STEM program with YUHSD
- The PASS program wrapped up with a dinner and presentations; expect to have a bigger program next year
- GYEDC has five active leads; one of them has the potential of creating 400 positions.
- Submitting grant and included projects by the Airport, Humane Society and a telemarketing company.
- Hopes to get part of the 10 million dollars available in grants since Yuma has some shovel ready projects.

Finance and Personnel Committee, Report

No Report

Charter High School, report:

Ed Ford reported:

- The EOC CHS Board met previous to this meeting
- Enrollment is at 105
- Attendance at 94.78%
- Spent about 32% of the budget (right on track)
- On the red due to receiving late payments from the State, but do have a way to cover that.
- There are 16 students in the Student Council and they are very active and doing a good job.

IX. Call for Executive Session

X. Good of the Order

XI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adriana McBride