

MINUTES OF MEETING
6:30 P.M. THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 2009
REGENTS ROOM UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & ARTS OF OKLAHOMA
1727 WEST ALABAMA CHICKASHA, OK.

(Notice of the meeting was given by letter to the Stephens County Clerk dated December 2, 2008. Agenda was posted at ASCOG, 802 Main, Duncan, Oklahoma and on the Web Site at 8:30 A.M. Wednesday, October 7, 2009)

IN ATTENDANCE

John Albright
Kevin Bilbrey
Robert Crews
Leon Davis
Anita Hasenmyer
Mary Meek
Chris Pittman
Tom Thomas

Patricia Beck
Brian Churchman
Bill Cunningham
Diane Denham
Walt Lentz
Rodney Palesano
Lyle Roggow

STAFF

Blaine Smith
Nancy English
Ray Friedl
Laura Goldring
Archer McPhaul
Clark Southard
Lisa Thomas

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

Ron Kirby

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ed Cole
Jervis Jackson
Rodney Love
Jeff Simpson
James Trusley

Lisa Graven
Sandra James
Ron Ludwick
Susan Stoll
Donna Victorian

Jory Gromer
Darren Jones
Jennifer Meason
George Tiner
Barbara Wilson

Bill Hayes
Sherry Labyer
Elizabeth Pitts
Arun Tilak

The meeting was called to order by Chris Pittman, chair. As a quorum was not present due to severe thunderstorms, no meeting was held. In accordance with Article VI of the by-laws, business was handled by a specially called executive committee meeting.

(Notice of the specially called Executive Committee meeting was given by letter to the Stephens County Clerk dated September 28, 2009)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRESENT

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Patricia Beck
Diane Denham
Chris Pittman

Bill Cunningham
Walt Lentz

Rodney Love
Jeff Simpson

The meeting was called to order by Chris Pittman, chair, who welcomed all guests.

The consent agenda was approved on motion by Bill Cunningham and seconded by Pat Beck. Those voting “aye” were Beck, Cunningham, Denham, Lentz and Pittman.

The SCOWIB committee structure was set up in 2006. As there have been several changes in board membership, the committee membership needs to be updated. After discussion, Walt Lentz moved and Bill Cunningham seconded that the committee assignments be approved and directors may volunteer for the committees or asked to be removed from a committee by December 2. Those voting “aye” were Beck, Cunningham, Denham, Lentz and Pittman.

Ray Friedl discussed the Demand Occupations and Policy. Each workforce investment board is mandated to identify demand occupations and they be recertified as current during the first regular SCOWIB meeting of each program year. The major change to be considered is the wage rate which is \$10.75 per hour. This hourly wage is approximately 66% of the area’s average hourly rate which also results in higher skill attainment. The policy contains provisions for including occupations that fall below the targeted wage if there is local information to support the addition.

After discussion Pat Beck moved to accept the Demand Occupations and Policy. Diane Denham seconded and those voting “aye” were Beck, Cunningham, Denham, Lentz and Pittman. It was the consensus of those present that Walt Lentz work with the Economic Development/Prosperity Committee on the Demand Occupations list.

SCOWIB meetings in 2010 will be March 11 at Red River Tech Center, June 10 at Red River Tech Center, October 14 at Great Plains Tech Center and December 9 at Red River Tech Center.

Chris Pittman and Ray Friedl discussed the Local Compliance Plan, Strategic Plan and board certification for July 2010 to June 2012.

Clark Southard gave an update on BRAC activities. Ray Friedl advised of a partnership with Midwestern State University participating in a grant to increase health care opportunities for 400 people over the next three years.

The next meeting will be December 10 at Great Plains Tech Center in Lawton.

Upon the resignation of Bill Cunningham as secretary and member of the executive committee, Chris Pittman appointed Bill Cunningham, Anita Hasenmyer and Rodney Love to a nominating committee to elect a new secretary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bill Cunningham – Secretary

Blaine H. Smith, Jr.
Executive Director