CALL TO ORDER:
Board Chair, Gerry Schuetzenhofer, called the meeting to order at 10:33AM.

ROLL CALL (taken already by the roll call list):

Members Present
Rosemarie Brown   Charlie Juneau   Gerry Schuetzenhofer
Rhonda DeGonia   Ellen Krohne   David Stoecklin
Carol Foreman   Jack Minner   Mark Tade
Dr. Gary Giamartino   Jim Penneckamp   Dr. James Underwood
Robert Glik   Jim Pulley   Charles Unger
Sam Guarino   Kevin Schmidt   Jan Woker
                                      Rod Wolter

Members Absent:
Donald Abert   Walter Hunter   Joseph Stevens
Monica Bristow   Dionne Jackson   Dale Stewart
Dr. Dale Chapman   Scott Jarmion   B. Dean Webb
Dr. Georgia Costello   Andrew Jones   Paul Wellhausen
Dr. Robert Daiber   Brenda Walker-McCain   Al Womack
Scott Frick   Ron Payton
David Holtgrave   Laura Reed

Guests and Staff Present:
Alice Bunjan   Matt Jones
Rich Heinz   Connie Vick

PUBLIC COMMENT:
With no public comment, Gerry Schuetzenhofer moved on to the next agenda item.

STRATEGIC PLANNING OPEN DISCUSSION:
Before beginning the discussion, Gerry formally welcomed the 2 newest WIB members, Ellen Krohne from Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois and Robert Glik from Gliks. Gerry and David Stoecklin began the discussion of the November 20th WIB Strategic Planning Session, which was held in Wood River and attended by 12 WIB members. Gerry and David went over each page/slide of the November 20th session as well as the results from the 2009 planning session. They covered such topics as the direction and identity of the WIB, the funding outlook, possible workforce area consolidation, sector focused training (especially manufacturing), an action plan and engaging the WIB members as “activists” in the community. Gerry asked for
comments from board members that attended the session and received positive comments from Charlie Juneau, Rosemarie Brown and Jim Pennekamp. Jim also commented that a lot of the session outcomes are in line with the Vision 20-20 outline, which is also being implemented by the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois. Gerry closed by telling everyone that he will be calling on individual board members to join in this effort and to be engaged and active in the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION):
A motion was made by Jim Pennekamp to approve the September 19th WIB meeting minutes and it was seconded by Rosemarie Brown. The minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee:
Gerry Schuetzenhofer reported that the Executive Committee had met on November 8th and he had a written recommendation from the committee to formally approve the 2 new welding programs at LCCC. He asked for a motion to approve, which Jim Pennekamp made the motion and it was seconded by Charlie Juneau. The programs were unanimously approved. Gerry also informed the WIB that it was the recommendation of the Executive Committee to disapprove the vein access/phlebotomy training program through the School of Medical Arts & Sciences. At this time there is not sufficient placement information to approve the program, but the Executive Committee would reconsider it a later date if that information is provided.

Gerry also asked for the formal approval of the 2013 WIB, Executive and Youth Council meeting dates. The motion was made by Jack Minner and seconded by Mark Tade. The dates were unanimously approved. In closing, Gerry and David Stoecklin discussed the Title 1-B report and how the state (DCEO) has proposed new performance measures that are greatly increased from the previous 3 years. Due to these incredibly high measures, David asked for a board resolution to negotiate lower, more attainable measures with DCEO. The motion for the resolution was made by David Stoecklin and seconded by Rod Wolter. The motion was unanimously approved.

Supporting Economic Development:
Jim Pennekamp cited the ongoing Business Retention & Expansion efforts. 22 area manufacturers have been visited to date and the committee will meet again on January 8, 2013. Jim asked that WIB members refer any potential manufacturers to the committee. Gerry Schuetzenhofer asked Jim to also explain the “process” to the WIB and Rosemarie Brown relayed her positive experiences with the business visits.

Membership and Management:
Chuck Unger noted that Gerry Schuetzenhofer had welcomed the newest board members, Ellen Krohne and Robert Glik. There are no other membership updates at this time.
CIMET:
In Paul Wellhausen’s absence, Matt Jones presented the CIMET committee report. The committee last met on October 30th and the minutes are in the packet. The completed and signed MOU was submitted to the state on August 24th and there is no response yet on its approval. The next committee meeting will be early 2013.

Communications:
In Laura Reed’s absence, David Stoecklin informed everyone that the fall edition of the WIB e-newsletter was sent out on October 16th. It featured Jim Pennekamp in the “Meet The Board Section” and also highlighted the September Jobs Plus Job Fair as well as the election of officers. The next edition will be the winter edition and will feature Rod Wolter, the new Youth Council Chair.

Youth Council:
David Stoecklin informed the WIB that the youth council last met on November 7th and discussed many items: Rod Wolter has accepted the position of Youth Council Chair and will assume the role in January 2013. The high school and middle school career days will be at the Bethalto School District in late winter or early spring. Dr. Daiber is arranging the initial meetings with the schools and the youth council members have volunteered to serve on each planning committee.

The Department of Labor has been questioning the practice of not soliciting bids for youth contractors and doing only annual approvals based on performance. Therefore, DOL is now requiring us to release an RFP at least bi-annually and ask prospective youth providers to submit bids for services. This will change the current practice and an RFP to solicit bids will be released soon after the first of the year.

The next youth council meeting will be Wednesday, January 23, 2013 and discussions will focus on planning the Bethalto Career Days.

Treasurer’s Report:
In Dave Holtgrave’s absence, David Stoecklin referenced the Treasurer’s Report in the WIB packet.

Business Services:
Matt Jones referenced the Business Services Activity Report in the WIB packet, which covers the period of September 19th through December 5th. He also thanked Linda Odle for her last report, her years of service and wished her well on her retirement.

Great River Workforce Development Corporation:
Jim Pennekamp reported that the annual report ad solicitations for the 2013-14 scholarships were sent out in October. As of today, $2,550.00 in new advertising has been received and Jim thanked the organizations that have donated to this point. He also encouraged anyone interested in donating to see Matt Jones after the meeting.
Other Business:
Gerry Schuetzenhofer referenced the Title 1-B report, which was previously discussed at the meeting. David Stoecklin discussed the current funding/allocation situation and referenced the “fiscal cliff” discussions in Washington, D.C. There is not only a possibility of sequestration funding cuts, but also rescission cuts. He asked the WIB to stay informed and engaged on the funding situation. David also talked about the Illinois house and senate bills that would move the WIA program from DCEO to IDES. He said more information would be forthcoming on the progress of the bills.

David also mentioned the ongoing medical coder training program with BJC as well as the ongoing career program with Granite City High School and the possible re-submission of the Workforce Innovation Grant. Dr. James Underwood, Jim Pulley, Charlie Juneau and Alice Bunjan also highlighted their personal involvement with some of the ongoing educational initiatives and their similar institutional programs.

Next Meeting:
Gerry announced the next board meeting will be Thursday, March 28th, 2013. The meeting details and location are yet to be determined.

Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 11:51AM.

Approved By:

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David Holtgrave
WIB Secretary Treasurer