

Southwest Wisconsin Counties Consortium Meeting

June 23, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Southwest Wisconsin Counties Consortium meeting was held on Thursday, June 23, 2022, via conference call. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present:

Mr. Jerry Guth
Mr. Robert Keeney

Mr. John Meyers
Mr. Russ Podzilni

Members Absent:

Mr. Marty Brewer

Mr. Jack Sauer

Staff Present:

Mr. Matthew Riley
Ms. Rhonda Suda

Ms. Danielle Whitish

The meeting of the Southwest Wisconsin Counties Consortium (SWCC) was called to order by Mr. Meyers at 1:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda of the June 23, 2022, SWCC meeting was reviewed by SWCC members. No corrections or changes were made.

Motion made by Mr. Podzilni, seconded by Mr. Guth, to approve the June 23, 2022, SWCC meeting agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. LEO Agreement/Amendment

Ms. Suda shared the three (3) enclosures with SWCC members. Enclosure 1 included updates from Iowa County to the Chief Elected Officials Consortium Agreement of the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Area. They reviewed the agreement and provided guidance, regulatory changes, and updates. Section 1 through Section 3 of the agreement listed additional minor updates but no major changes were made to the purpose or intent of agreement. Green and Richland County also reviewed and did not indicate any major changes. Ms. Suda did not hear from the other three counties. However, with the input that was received, she felt confident to move forward with action. Enclosure 2 encapsulated the agreement along with final changes. If the SWCC decided to approve this agreement, Ms. Suda would have to present the agreement to all SWCC members and have all six (6) members sign off. The other option, presented as Enclosure 3, was an amendment to the agreement. With the amendment, the quorum present during the meeting can approve. Ms. Suda presented both options to the group to get their thoughts and a decision on which option they would like to proceed with.

Mr. Meyers asked SWCC members for input or a motion to approve. Mr. Podzilni asked Ms. Suda which would be more suitable. Ms. Suda replied it would be better to go with the amendment, as the

amendment would only need the majority to approve in order to make effective. If we totally change the agreement and approve a new one, it may be difficult to get all six (6) signatures by the deadline of June 30, 2022.

Motion made by Mr. Keeney, seconded by Mr. Podzilni, to approve the amendment to the agreement LEO Agreement/Amendment. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. SWCC and SWWDB Agreement

Ms. Suda explained all board documents begin with the SWCC agreement and second is the agreement between the SWCC and the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (SWWDB). This agreement was presented as Enclosure 4. The SWWDB members approved this agreement at last board meeting and is now seeking SWCC approval. The major change is in Section 8; making it so this agreement would not have to be updated again if another change was to be made.

Motion made by Mr. Guth, seconded by Mr. Podzilni, to approve the SWCC and SWWDB Agreement. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. SWWDB By-Laws

The SWWDB By-Laws were presented as Enclosure 5. The only change to this document was the Liability section; to refer back to the SWCC agreement for the sake of consistency. The SWWDB members already approved this change as well so now seeking SWCC approval.

Mr. Guth asked who the By-Laws are with and the purpose of them. Ms. Suda explained SWWDB's funding for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) comes from the state and then gets allocated out to different areas (SWWDB being one area). Local officials form consortiums (SWCC) and this group appoints board members and with that authority, they are responsible for approving SWWDB's By-Laws in which the board functions.

Motion made by Mr. Keeney, seconded by Mr. Podzilni, to approve the updated SWWDB By-Laws. **Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Adjournment

Ms. Suda shared an update about the 5.0 Rock County Internship Program. It is a six (6) week program for high school senior's to explore careers in the Rock County area. There is a graduation event on July 29 if any interested SWCC or county board members wanted to come see what the program is about and the impact it had on the students and partners.

Motion made by Mr. Guth, seconded by Mr. Podzilni, to adjourn the meeting at 1:21 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**