

**Minutes**  
**Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Board**  
**Annual Meeting**

October 2, 2015

Breakfast 9:00am EST – Meeting / Awards to follow  
Vincennes University – Jasper Campus

**Members Present:**

Sue Habig	Amy O'Dell	Frank Yuda	Lori Williams
Michael Szakaly	Jon Keck	Bob Stemple	Jim Heck
Chris Harlow	Michelle Schaefer	Lacey Peer	Ron Hagy
Josh Bowman	Dan Ulrich	Paula Pinkstaff	Jennifer Wigginton

**WDB Staff:**

Linda Jones	Sara Huelsman	Kay Johnson	Angie Sheppard
Rochelle McDonald	Mary Hamilton	Breasha Pruitt	

**Others Present:**

Samantha Nelson, WestGate	Denny Spinner, City of Huntingburg	Connie Cobb
Kevin Cobb	Laurel Smith, Vincennes University	Bill Lawrence, WorkOne Southwest
Becky Springer, JobWorks	Jerry Walden, Posey County Comm	Jerry Parkinson, Senator J Donnelly
Jared Johnson, MS Companies	Abby Harvey, SW IN Chamber	Brittaney Goldman, MS Companies
Debbie Kerns, WorkOne Southwest	Terry Seitz, City of Jasper	Marilyn Pitzulo, DWD-AE
Jonathan Weinzapfel, Ivy Tech	Kyela Jones, WorkOne Southwest	Ray Niehaus, VUJC
Don Schulte, WestGate	Peg Boardman, DWD	Nancy Schroering, WorkOne Southwest
Elaine Hubbard, DWD	Carol Jones, Congressman Bucshon	Dee Shrieves, WorkOne Southwest
Larry Ordner, Congressman Bucshon	Alvin Evans, PCDC	Liesl Disch, MS Companies
Michael Thissen, USI	Tom Utter, Lincolnland EDC	Elmer Brames, Dubois County Comm
Jarred Howard, PV&PC CTE	Jennifer Smith, WorkOne Southwest	Kent Utt, KCDC
Justin Kluemper, Fifth Third	Logan Carlton	Brian Carlton
Wendy Carlton	Zachary Carlton	Bo Drake, Ivy Tech
Rebecca Griffith, JobWorks	Kelly Rideout, Berry Plastics	Keith Tungate, Berry Plastics
Steve Braun, DWD Commissioner		

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Habig at 9:45 a.m. Eastern Time. Sue Habig welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and recognized a few guests.

**Welcome:**

Chris Gray, Dean of Vincennes University, welcomed everyone to the Vincennes University Jasper Campus.

**Opening Remarks:**

Mayor Dennis Spinner, Dubois County Chief Elected Official, thanked the Board for their efforts in growing the workforce and announced the new Job for America's Graduates program at Southridge High School and the housing initiative in Huntingburg.

**Keynote Speaker:**

DWD Commissioner Steve Braun presented on the need to create an employer driven workforce by understanding the demand, needed skill sets, and aligning training appropriately, while creating awareness and helping others to understand the educational tracks and expanding career and technical education areas.

**Minutes:**

The Board reviewed the October 3, 2014 Annual Meeting minutes.

*Paula Pinkstaff made a motion to accept the October 3, 2014 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. Ron Hagy seconded. Motion passed.* **WDB-2015-09**

**Annual Report:**

A copy of the Program Year 2014-2015 Annual Report was given to the guests. Sue Habig highlighted the accomplishments, key initiatives and performance statistics.

**Client of the Year Awards:**

Sue Habig presented the Client of the Year award winners; Timothy Garland – Adult, Kevin Cobb – Dislocated Worker, Logan Carlton – Youth, Tiffanie Cameron – YES program, Tara Fox – HIRE program with plaques and congratulated them for their outstanding achievements.

**Business of the Year Award:**

Sue Habig presented MS Companies with the Business of the Year Award and thanked them for their outstanding cooperation with the WorkOne offices and their services.

**Region 11 Outstanding JAG Specialist:**

Kyela Jones was nominated as the Outstanding JAG Specialist for Region 11 and was presented a check from the Department of Workforce Development.

**Closing Comments:**

Sue Habig acknowledged the board staff and thanked them for their hard work.

**Public Comment:**

None

*Amy O'Dell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time. Lori Williams seconded. Motion passed.* **WDB-2015-10**

  
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Frank Yuda, Secretary

10/28/2016  
Date