



**CAREERSOURCE CITRUS LEVY MARION
Consortium**

MINUTES

DATE: May 1, 2025
PLACE: CareerSource CLM – 14 Street Career Center
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Barek
Commissioner Zalak

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Hodge

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rusty Skinner, CSCLM
Dale French, CSCLM

Cira Schnettler, CSCLM
Bob Stermer, CSCLM Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Zalak, Chair, at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Cira Schnettler called roll and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Barek made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Zalak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Agreement to Establish CLMRWDB

Memorandum of Agreement CLMRWDB and CLMRWDC

Commissioner Barek made a motion to approve the execution of the Agreement to Establish and the Memorandum of Agreement. Commissioner Zalak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Member Appointments

Commissioner Barek made a motion to approve new members Dean Blinkhorn and Tamara Boyle. Commissioner Zalak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

State Update

Rusty Skinner provided the below updates:

- The federal administration has issued an executive order that will affect key items in the Department of Labor, Commerce, and Education. There will be a review of workforce initiatives to identify areas for efficiency. There is potential for the expansion of apprenticeships and allowing Pell grants to cover shorter courses. There are anticipated changes to WIOA and we will continue to monitor guidance coming from the government.
- The 2025-2026 program year funding estimates have been provided, and we anticipate a 7-8% reduction.

Workforce Issues Important to Our Community

Commissioner Barek explained that she is currently serving on a committee to address the challenges ex-offenders face in finding employment and was happy to know that CareerSource was also participating on the committee.

Commissioner Zalak requested assistance for the County Utility department in their search for hiring qualified engineers.

Board Membership Status

Rusty Skinner explained that after the appointments made today there will only be one vacant position on the board for a Veterans representative. He encouraged the Commissioners to provide any leads they may have.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PROJECT UPDATES

Disaster Recovery Grant / Broadband Grant

Dale French provided an update on the grant activities.

- Disaster Recover: The efforts to assist the aquaculture businesses in Levy County have been successful. The program had a successful monitoring with no issues or comments. The program closed on March 23.
- Broadband Grant: The program has been successful.

New Projects: Citrus, Levy, Marion

Dale French highlighted a variety of events within the last quarter:

- Citrus County Trades Job Fair at WTC.
- Citrus County Youth Job Fair and Expo will be on June 10.
- Levy Youth Expo had 109 students and 19 businesses participating.
- Marion Youth Job Fair had 466 youth and 23 businesses. Our highest attended event to date.
- Through our partnership with CF, we will continue to assist temporary teachers in Marion County gain certifications to become permanent. The average cost per teacher is about \$1200. We already have 100 applications for the next session.

Board Member Agenda – 3/12/2025

The board agenda was available for review.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

APPROVED: _____