



**CAREERSOURCE CITRUS LEVY MARION
Consortium**

MINUTES

DATE: April 10, 2024
PLACE: College of Central Florida – Enterprise Center
TIME: 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Hodge
Commissioner Zalak

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Finegan

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rusty Skinner, CSCLM
Dale French, CSCLM
Cory Weaver, CSCLM

Cira Schnettler, CSCLM
Bob Stermer, CSCLM Attorney
Tameka Austin, Florida Commerce Board
Governance Team

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Zalak, at 11:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Cira Schnettler called roll and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2024, meeting. Commissioner Zalak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Updates

Dale French reviewed the new format for the budget presentation. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the budget. Commissioner Zalak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Local Area Designation

Dale French explained that the local area designation usually occurs every other year, but due to the realignment of regions in Florida, the State requested the designation again this year. Commissioner Hodge made a motion to approve the submission of the local area designation. Commissioner Zalak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Special Project

Rusty Skinner explained that CareerSource Florida had requested assistance on a special project. The project did not develop as anticipated, and our assistance is no longer necessary. No action was taken on this item.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

State Update

Rusty Skinner provided the following updates:

- He notified the committee that the 4-year plan is due to the State by August 2024. In June, the preliminary budget, and a draft plan will be on the agenda. Once there is time for public comment the plan can be finalized and sent to the State.
- Funding allocations have not been provided from the State yet. It is anticipated that there will be a budget reduction of 10-11%. In an effort to reduce expenses, the administrative office personnel have moved to 14th Street. Other measures are also being taken to minimize cost impact.

Workforce Issues Important to Our Community

No issues were discussed.

YouthBuild Monitoring

Dale French was happy to report that there were no issues, findings, or questionable costs found in the audit. The Department of Labor was very complimentary on the staff's administration of the program. Consortium members gave their congratulations on the success of the program and positive audit results.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PROJECT UPDATES

Disaster Recovery Grant

Dale French provided an update on the grant activities.

- The City of Crystal River in Citrus County used funds from this grant for clean-up efforts from Hurricane Idalia.
- Hurricane Idalia caused significant losses to clam farms off the coast in Levy and Dixie counties. Both counties will be utilizing grant funds to assist with clean-up efforts and redevelopment of the clam farms. There are approximately four hundred 2-acre land leases. It is anticipated that 130 people will be enrolled under the grant. The grant will run through January 2025. It is projected that by the end of the program six-million dollars will be injected into the economy in Levy and Dixie counties.

Broadband Grant

Dale French reviewed details on the handout in the packet, noting that the duration of the grant is 5 years ending September 2028.

Business Services Report

Cory Weaver reported that efforts are ongoing to fill the business development position in Levy County. The new business development coordinator in Citrus is off to a great start and fitting in well. Business development coordinators from Citrus and Marion have been servicing Levy County. In March, we hosted in partnership with Levy County Schools a youth job air. Over twenty businesses and community partners participated. The business development team is also working with the Nature Coast Business Development Council to develop new business partnerships.

Board Member Agenda – 3/20/2024

Rusty Skinner reviewed the board agenda noting the below items:

- The financial audit was conducted. There were no findings or issues. The finance team's exceptional performance is evident in the report. The report will be emailed to the Consortium at a later time. After review of the audit report, the members may contact him with any questions.
- The contracts list and other executive action items were reviewed.

MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

APPROVED:
