

**CAMWC OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

**April 15, 2009**

**Maxfield's Inn, Edmore**

**Members Present:** Don Burns, Steve Foster, Jeff Knox, Chelsey Foster (for Don Schurr), Robin Whitmore, and Sheral Simon

**Members Absent:** Tim Flynn, Franz Mogdis, and Carolyn Bennett

**Staff/Guests**

**Present:** Diane Hazlewood, Kimberly Becker, Janet Bloomfield, Tom Batchelder, and Phil Wilson.

**Meeting Summary**

With a quorum present, Steve Foster called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

**Review/Approval of Minutes from the February 18, 2009, Meeting**

***MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 18, 2009, MINUTES. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**United Solar Incumbent Worker Proposal**

Committee members discussed the United Solar Incumbent Worker proposal that had a deadline of April 15, 2009. The company was unable to find the \$20,000 match funding that is required for the CAMWC funding proposal.

***MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED TO HAVE THE PROPOSAL EXPIRE AND ENCOURAGE THE COMPANY TO APPLY FOR INCUMBENT WORKER FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM THAT BEGINS JULY 1, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.***

**Work-Flex Waiver Request**

Bloomfield explained the Work-flex waiver, the current waiver, and the interest and request to pursue another waiver for the next program year. A new waiver would be effective for two years and would allow for the targeting of 10% of the WIA Adult, DW, and Youth allocations for Incumbent Worker funding. Bloomfield indicated that an Incumbent Worker budget would be brought back to the Committee once the state releases funding allocations.

***MOTION WAS MADE AND SUPPORTED TO RECOMMEND TO THE WIB APPROVAL OF THE WORK-FLEX WAIVER REQUEST. Motion carried unanimously.***

### **WIB Board Member Opening**

Bloomfield discussed the private sector Ionia representative and asked for recommendations. This opening is the result of Dale Howard's resignation due to the elimination of his position.

### **WELDING TRAINING PROGRAM UPDATE**

Wilson gave an update on the welding training survey. CAMWC, along with local economic development representatives, is revisiting the companies to confirm what was learned in the survey and to establish next practices.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

WIB Meeting – The next WIB meeting is May 20, 2009, at 5:30; Maxfield's Restaurant.

Bloomfield discussed the Green Jobs RSA initiative. She suggested there may be a position for CAMWC to participate in this initiative if it is believed companies in CAMWC's region would be interested or would benefit from alternative energy diversification. The interest of diversification lies with each company. Committee members thought CAMWC should continue participation with the initiative including the inclusion of a small amount of Incumbent Worker funding to support the diversification scholarships for companies.

Members asked for an update on the Recovery funding and Weatherization. Bloomfield gave information about the planning efforts of the Summer Youth program and additional WIA funding that will be received. Weatherization and MEC – Bloomfield explained how the weatherization program operates in the CAMWC region. It is not anticipated there will be any large scale employment opportunities for individuals considering the current workforce size of local construction companies.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.