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**YOUTH COUNCIL
Southwest Oklahoma Workforce Investment Area
SWODA Conference Room
Burns Flat, Oklahoma
January 13, 2010**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheri Lou Gastineau, Barbara Griffin, Veronica Damron, Tammie Jones, Reggie Wassana, Brenda Krieger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heath Denney, Brenda Allen.

GUESTS: Brandy Smith, Anthony Kibble, Gary Theilen, Marsha Shelton, Cristi Williams, Jill Birdwell

STAFF TO THE COUNCIL: Kathie Price

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Barbara Griffin, Executive Committee member, called the meeting to order. Kathie Price noted that changes this year included her as staff to the Youth Council and two new members. Veronica Damron (replacing Judie Hanes at her retirement) was introduced, and Ms. Price informed the group that the other new member, Brenda Allen (replacing Kathy Downs at her relocation), had a sick family member and was unable to attend today. All members and guests introduced themselves, and OCCY guests elaborated on their current project with the Jackson County/Altus group.

ROLL CALL

Kathie Price conducted roll call. A quorum was established.

Cheri Lou Gastineau arrived at the meeting. As Vice-Chair, she assumed control of the meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL of MINUTES of PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms. Gastineau asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting. No comments were received. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Barbara Griffin. Brenda Krieger seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Those voting yes: Cheri Lou Gastineau, Barbara Griffin, Veronica Damron, Tammie Jones, Reggie Wassana, Brenda Krieger.

Those voting no: None

Those abstaining: None

The minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting stand approved.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BUDGET

Kathie informed the Council that the January meeting was the time of year that the SEO budget recommendation to the SW WIB (how much, or what percentage of, money to appropriate for SEO out of the monies used to provide the youth ten elements) was normally made, so that the provider could get an early start on planning that activity based on the recommended funding level. This option has always been available, and last year was the first time that the Youth Council had recommended to the WIB that the Fiscal Agent/service provider (SWODA) be allowed to determine what amount be spent on Summer Employment Opportunities (SEO). That decision allowed the fiscal agent to make better decisions in balancing the Youth formula funds and the ARRA funds that were received and primarily earmarked for SEO. The council reviewed the data presented by staff and, after discussion, Barbara Griffin made the motion to recommend to the SW WIB to defer SEO funding level decisions to the Fiscal Agent/service provider, SWODA. Tammie Jones seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

Those voting yes: Cheri Lou Gastineau, Barbara Griffin, Veronica Damron, Tammie Jones, Reggie Wassana, Brenda Krieger.

Those voting no: None

Those abstaining: None.

The Youth Council will recommend to the WIB to defer SEO funding level decisions to the Fiscal Agent/Service Provider (SWODA).

ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICERS

Kathie directed the Council to a handout listing the current membership so that nominations for 2010 officers could be made. Brenda Krieger made a motion to re-elect the entire slate of current officers, including Chair, Vice-Chair and third Executive Committee member. A vote was taken:

Those voting yes: Cheri Lou Gastineau, Barbara Griffin, Veronica Damron, Tammie Jones, Reggie Wassana, Brenda Krieger.

Those voting no: None

Those abstaining: None

The re-election of Heath Denney as Chair, Cheri Lou Gastineau as Vice-Chair and Barbara Griffin as Executive Committee member stands approved.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Kathie Price reviewed the information included in the members' packet that was discussed at the last meeting during work on a new strategic plan. After discussion, primarily centering around the WorkKeys assessments, it was decided to add an Action under Goal #1 concerning linking with Tech Centers to work with their schools to help employ Work Keys assessments.

Barbara Griffin made the motion to accept the draft strategic plan with that addition, and Veronica Damron seconded the motion. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting yes: Cheri Lou Gastineau, Barbara Griffin, Veronica Damron, Tammie Jones, Reggie

Wassana, Brenda Krieger.

Those voting no: None

Those abstaining: None

The new Strategic Plan stands approved.

WIA SERVICE PROVIDER REPORTS

Christi Williams reported youth activities for October through December, 2009. Handouts were also provided. Kathie Price told the Youth Council that Ms. Williams was ending her employment effective January 31, and that a new Youth Case Manager would be hired following interviews which were being conducted tomorrow. Staff and council expressed their appreciation for Ms. Williams work.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2010 at SWODA in Burns Flat, Oklahoma.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Ms. Gastineau declared the meeting adjourned.

Chair

ATTEST

Date

Date

Notice of this meeting was made to the Washita County Clerk by annual posting, and the agenda for this meeting visibly displayed on the front door of the WIB office at 420 Sooner Drive, Burns Flat, OK on January 12, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.