

**Local Elected Officials Executive Council Meeting – Region 8  
South Central Indiana Workforce Service Area  
Meeting Minutes  
Via Zoom Invite  
July 14, 2022  
10:00am - 11:00am**

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Bob Curry (Owen County)  
Commissioner Dustin Gabhart (Lawrence County)  
Commissioner Richard Dixon (Orange County)  
Commissioner Paul George (Martin County)  
Commissioner Jerry Pittman (Brown County)  
Commissioner Ed Michael (Greene County)

**Staff Present:**

Rob King  
David Tucker

**Call to Order** – Dustin Gabhart called the meeting to order and a quorum of the Council was confirmed as present.

**Region 8 Operational Update** - Rob King reviewed the Governance structure for Region 8 and provided a regional review of Economic Growth Region 8 and services provided. Explained counties represented, mission of Workforce Board, and current status for all WorkOne offices located throughout South Central Indiana. Additionally, Rob discussed WIOA Funding allocations for PY'21 and PY'22. Rob reviewed the recommended PY'22 WIOA budget allocations with the Council. Rob also explained that members present would make motions and vote at the LEO meeting, and would always be welcomed guests at the Workforce Board meetings. Rob provided PY'22 Workforce Board meeting dates.

**Dustin Gabhart moved to approve the recommended PY'22 Region 8 WIOA Budget Allocations. Richard Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion was approved.**

**Elected Officials Agreement** – Rob King discussed the current Local Elected Officials Agreement for Region 8. Rob discussed the duties and responsibilities of Chief Elected Officials including the responsibilities of the Regional Chief Elected Official for the Region 8 Workforce Service Area. Rob stated that the Local Elected Officials mission is to advise the Workforce Board on strategy planning as related to issues affecting their local areas. Rob explained that County, and some City governments, are responsible for

grant funds allocated to the region. Rob also advised that each representative was appointed by their designated areas to serve as Local Elected Official for Region 8.

Rob King then reviewed a second LEO agreement requiring member signatures on behalf of their County. Rob explained that this agreement is currently active through June of 2023. Rob advised that per WIOA regulation, LEO's have to repay funds disallowed under audit in the event that funds are unable to be repaid by another entity. Rob mentioned that there are built-in safeguards to make sure disallowed costs do not happen. Rob explained that the Region 8 Fiscal Agent, Crowe LLC, periodically reviews and makes certain funds are spent in accordance with regulations. If Vincennes University – Region 8 misspends funds allotted to them in their role as Service Provider, One-Stop Operator or Staff to the Board, they would be required to pay it back. Rob also explained that the same holds true for the Fiscal Agent, Crowe LLC as well.

Rob explained the LEO agreement and how costs would be divided proportionally based on the population of government entities that sign the LEO agreement. Members stated that they understood this process.

**Chief Elected Official for Region 8** – Rob King reviewed the role of the Regional Chief Elected Official (RCEO) and stated that Dustin Gabhart is the current RCEO for Region 8. Rob also stated that Mr. Gabhart had done a great job in his first year as the RCEO. Rob asked if there were any questions or further discussion requested about the current RCEO or his role. There were no questions or further discussion from the Council members.

**Next Meeting and Adjourn** – Rob King advised that he would continue one-on-one Fall or Spring meetings depending on schedule. The next LEO meeting will be scheduled as needed with an annual meeting to be around June or July of 2023. Rob also advised that each member would receive an invite to the Workforce Board meetings as well.

With no further business – **Ed Michael moved to adjourn meeting and Bob Curry seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.**

Prepared By: Rob King