

**Mahaska-Wapello Early Childhood IOWA
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Notes
Thursday, May 28th, 2015, 4:00 PM
Fremont Community Center
107 East Main Street, Fremont, Iowa 52561**



Mahaska Wapello

Board Members Present: Greg Kenning and Nick Maxwell.

Board Members Absent: Deb Deere, Tom Lazio, Joy Prothero, Desiree Johnson, Dean Cremer and Shannon Hora.

Community Members Present: Lynn Godwin (Sieda Family Support) Liz Fairchild (Sieda Head Start), Jill Lane and Cathy Pringle (FRC-Helping Hands), Angie Mach (ISU Extension-NEST), Jane Matzen (AHFA), Leann Andre and Heather Miller (CCR&R).

Staff Present: Pat McReynolds (Area Director)

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Greg Kenning at 4:05 PM. Quorum NOT met (2:8).

2. Introductions: Introductions were made.

3. Approval of May 28th, 2015 Agenda: No Quorum – Discussion only for items on the agenda.

4. Approval of April 1st and 30th, 2015 MWECI Board Meeting Minutes: No quorum. Tabled to next board meeting.

5. MWECI Restated By-Laws:

a. Pat McReynolds reviewed the primary changes to govern the new fiscal year of July 1, 2015 through June30, 2016, regarding board officer duties and board attendance.

6. Board Member Recruitment:

a. Pat McReynolds shared that she plans to make a plea for interested board members at the next Mahaska County CPPC meeting scheduled for June 2nd. At this time we have an urgent need for Mahaska County representation. Cathy Pringle suggested reaching out to Cindi Bossard at Imagine the Possibilities. Pat will follow up with contacts.

b. Election of new board officers for FYE2016 – No quorum. Tabled to next board meeting.

7. MWECI Financial Business:

a/b. Pat McReynolds reviewed the April 2015 monthly financials reports as provided by the fiscal agent with the MWECI Board (payments made in April 2015 for March 2015 services). Board members were able to review monthly QB transactions, bank statement and bank reconciliation report, all showing agreement with the bank, fiscal agent's reports and the Area Director's financial tracking. No Quorum. No board approval, tabled to next board meeting.

c/d. Pat McReynolds provided copies of anticipated funding for FYE2016 for Early Childhood funding (DHS) and School Ready funding (DE). Discussion focused on 1) all the "unknowns" around next year's funding, 2) the fact that the Iowa Legislature is still in session and has not yet approved the state budget, 3) MWECI will have an overall average of \$15,000.00 budget reduction, and 4) FYE2015 is difficult to determine until after the books are closed. FYE2016 anticipated initial awards will be reflective of FYE2016 funding (new dollars only) plus conservative estimates of FYE2015 carry forward funds. The board may have to make additional budget adjustments over the summer and into fall depending on what actually passes through the legislature and what budget the governor signs. Everyone will need to be flexible.

e. FYE 2016 Preliminary Budget Review and initial Awards – No quorum. Tabled to next board meeting.

8. Community Updates and Opportunity for Input – FYI

a. Wapello County MIECHV and CI Updates: No one present.

b/c. Additional Input from Community Providers and MWECI funded programs: None.

d. Pat shared fliers regarding the National Drug Court Month Celebration at Jimmy Jones Shelter in Ottumwa on May 30th and the Bulldog Action CA Difference Basketball Tournament scheduled for June 13th at the Greater Ottumwa Park Basketball Courts.

9. Agenda Items for Next Scheduled Board Meeting:

a. Monthly Financial reports

c. Board Officer Election

b. Board Membership Recruitment

d. Preliminary Budget Review & Awards f.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted By: Pat McReynolds, MW Early Childhood Iowa Area Director

Board Adoption Attested By: Tom Lazio, MWECI Board Secretary _____

NEXT MWECI Board Meeting: 4th Thursday, June 25th, 2015, @ 4pm

Fremont Community Center, 107 East Main Street, Fremont, Iowa 52561

NEXT Advisory Committee Meeting: 3rd Wednesday, June 17th, 2015 - 9AM-11:30 AM

Great Prairie AEA, 2814 North Court, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501

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