

**LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA TEN
SOUTH CENTRAL TENNESSEE WORKFORCE BOARD
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
PULASKI, TENNESSEE
January 10, 2007
MINUTES**

A meeting of the South Central Tennessee Workforce Board was held on January 10, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. at the First National Bank, Pulaski, Tennessee. Members present were as follows:

Rick Alexander	Tony Beyer	Rick Brewer	James Dixon
Tommy Floyd	Glenn Gordon	Dr. Rebecca Hawkins	Tee Jackson
Beth Keaton	Sam Kennedy	Robert Mitchell, Jr.	Robby Moore
Pame Moore-Morrow	Pamela Morris	Trent Ogilvie	Sam Outlaw
John Rawe	Don Reeves	Randy Short	Shirley Williams
Jim Sloan	John Stephens	Joe Max Williams	

Pattye Fort, Jimmy Copley, Guy Derryberry, William Kirk, Victor Lay, Kathy Pigg, and Marvin Sandrell, submitted proxies.

Guest in attendance were Jamie Stitt, Jeffrey Lykins, Joe Boyd Liggett, James Bailey, Jr., Linda Sampson, David Taft, Charlotte Battles, Sandra Malone, Dale Alexander, Glenn Jernigan, Hardin Franklin, Kathy Norman, Jay Ridgeway, Jim Greene, Peggy McLain, John Hatfield, Callie Murrey, Melissa Gordy, Lori Freeman, Jack Irby, Grant Vosburgh, Jill Janes, Ron Holcomb, Tony Creecy, Robin McCaig, Don Haney, Jimmy Greene, Wes Kelley, Gayle Porterfield, Johnna Cole, Chuck Stay, Jack Province, Tracy Agus, Glen Myer, Roma Powis, Sharon Johnson, Jason Ficca, and Jason Counts.

Staff in attendance were Jan McKeel, Rick Molder, Suzanne Croft, Sheryl Jordan, Joe Beard, Elaine Newcomb, Vivian Cathey, Brenda Sewell, Tonja Garrett, Terry Bunch, Dean Dickey, Stan Smith, Brian Baling, Michael Davis, and Patricia Lymon.

Robert Mitchell, Jr., Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized county mayors who were in attendance.

Jan McKeel, Executive Director, lead those in attendance in a moment of silence to honor Mr. Henry Sims who recently passed away. Mr. Sims was both a former executive director of the Tennessee Technology Center in Pulaski and member of the Private Industry Council under JTPA. Mr. Sims was noted for being a strong advocate for education and the workforce system.

Dean Dickey, Business Services Manager, presented the Employer Recognition Award to Bert-Co, Incorporated. Chuck Stay, Owner and CEO and Jack Province, GM of Pulaski Operations accepted the award. Additional Bert-Co, Incorporated staff who attended the meeting were Johnna Cole, Manufacturing Manager, and Gayle Porterfield, Director of Human Resources. Bert-Co Incorporated, a company which specializes in consumer products, cosmetic, nutraceutical, drug and food packaging, brochures, direct mail, catalogs, and point-of-purchase displaying, has 83 full time employees to date, four new hires are expected, and approximately 40 temporary employees. In addition, the company has received 16 On the Job Training slots for a total of approximately \$12,000 in funds and has applied for Incumbent Worker Grant funds of \$15,333.

Jan McKeel, Executive Director, presented the Partnership Recognition Award to the Tennessee Technology Center at Pulaski. James Dixon, Executive Director, accepted the award. Additional Tennessee Technology Center at Pulaski staff attending the meeting were Tony Creecy, and Jill Janes, Counselor. Ms. McKeel stated approximated 220 customers from WIA have gone through the Tennessee Technology Center at Pulaski which totals approximately \$1.1 million in training funds and has a 91 percent completion rate of dislocated workers from Murray, Inc. that received training through the facility.

Vivian Cathey, Youth Services Coordinator, deferred to Hardin Franklin, Coordinator of Business/Industry/Education youth program and Jason Ficca, Men's Basketball coach at Martin Methodist College to present the Youth Recognition Award to Jason Counts. Mr. Counts is currently enrolled at Martin Methodist College. Both men commented on Mr. Counts' character toward education, athletics, and work ethics.

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m.

The minutes from the October 11, 2006 meeting were approved by consent.

Mr. Mitchell, deferred to Brenda Sewell, Technology and Training Services Coordinator, to discuss an Eligible Training Provider Application from Superior Drivers Institute to be added to the Tennessee Higher Education Training Providers list.

Mrs. Sewell reported that the Executive Committee approved the staff's recommendation to add Superior Drivers Institute to the Tennessee Higher Education Eligible Training Providers list. The three week program will cost \$4,000 (room and board is an additional \$700) and a certificate of completion is offered at the end of the program. Mr. Mitchell asked for a motion to approve the recommendation presented to add Superior Drivers Institute to the Tennessee Higher Education Eligible Training Providers list. Tee Jackson made the motion. Jim Sloan seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Suzanne Croft, Director of Fiscal & Administrative Services, reported there were no findings from the 2005-2006 Audit Report.

A panel discussion on Technology in a Global Environment was led by Ron Holcomb, President and CEO of Pulaski Electric System. Panelists were Wes Kelley, Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer from Pulaski Electric System, Jim Greene, President and Jimmy Greene, Chief Manager from Richland Steel LLC, Don Haney, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from First National Bank, and Grant Vosburgh, Director of Communications from Martin Methodist College.

After the meeting everyone was invited to take a tour of the Pulaski Electric System facility. The remaining information items were reviewed at the board members' convenience. The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.