

Rural Leadership & Relations  
July 28, 2011  
MINUTES

Attendance:

Bob Bahrns  
Tara Bishop  
Bob Craft  
Alan Unger  
Henry Heimuller  
Beverly Leigh  
Sheila Semling

Sheryll Bates  
Susan Buell  
Greg Creal  
Steve Grasty  
Dan Itzen  
Robin Popp  
Teri Simonis

Deborah Beeson  
Susie Cederholm  
Pat Davis  
Deborah Hayward  
Oscar Johnson  
Bob Schroth  
Kris Latimer

I. Welcome and Introductions

Bob Schroth called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and introductions were made.

II. Approval of April 21, 2011 Business and Industry Minutes

MOTION: Sheila Semling moved, seconded by Oscar Johnson to approve the Business and Industry minutes from April 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Review Draft Charter

Kris Latimer reviewed the draft charter for the Rural Leadership and Relations Committee with the group. This newly formed committee merges the Business and Industry, RWIB Chairs, and Governmental Relations Committees and the draft charter merges the existing charters for each of the previously separate committees into one document. Kris explained the document is in draft form and open for comments.

Bob Craft suggested having sub-chairs that have expertise in the committee focus areas. Kris explained that she envisions having ad hoc groups form when issues arise.

Bob Schroth announced that he will not be seeking reappointment to the OWA when his term expires in October. He will continue to be involved at the regional level.

Kris said that the meeting schedule included in the draft charter would be updated to read meetings will occur at a minimum of quarterly or as necessary. There was also a recommended change to the Mission which would change "in rural Oregon" to "for rural Oregon".

Motion: Darrel Wilson moved, seconded by Oscar Johnson to approve the charter as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. Regional Workforce Investment Boards - Update and Discussion

Bob Schroth provided the history of workforce boards from 1982 to present. Kris Latimer provided the background on how the ORS came about and now due to budget shortfalls the elimination of RWIB funding.

Kris explained that the RWIB staff drafted a RWIB Roles and Responsibilities document. The document was reviewed with the group and items that wouldn't be feasible without paid staff were outlined.

Kris Latimer provided a handout titled RWIB of the Future Discussion. Each RWIB will be asked to review the discussion items included in the document and forward their responses to Kris this fall.

Bob Craft suggested that the document include a column showing what TOC/OWA need / want from the RWIBs in the future as well. Kris agreed to add this information and will disseminate a new document before the end of August.

Kris also noted that RWIB's could explore other funding options to support the work of regional boards.

#### V. Regional Updates

Regions provided workforce and economic development related activities from the past quarter.

#### VI. Adjourn

Bob Schroth adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO TARA BISHOP FOR STEPPING IN AND  
TAKING/PRODUCING MINUTES ---- GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!**