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2013 Meetings

March 12
June 11
Sept 10
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BOARD MEETING

The December Board Meeting will be

held on

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

at

Southeastern Illinois College

B Building—Private Dining Room

(see map)

Beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Are you UP for the Challenge!

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Awards Presentations:

The Service Providers have nominated individual for achievement awards. These individuals will be honored at the beginning of the board meeting.

Service Provider Reports:

These will be handed out at the meeting.

Boxed Meal Ideas:

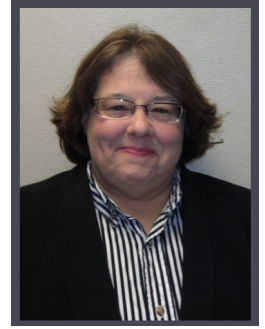
- Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken Helper
- Can of Tuna or Chicken
- Oatmeal
- Breakfast Cereal/Breakfast Bars
- Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce

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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

If you keep up with the news I am sure that you are aware of the recent damaging tornados that went through our area November 17. Fifteen counties state wide have been declared as state disaster areas, Wayne, Wabash, Pope, & Massac counties from LWIA 26. The Federal declaration has not yet been determined but FEMA is accessing the damage to make a determination. Hardest hit in our area was the Village of Brookport in Massac County and in Southwest Pope County near Hamlettsburg. The National Weather Service reported that the tornado was an EF3, with wind peaks of 145 mph. The storm cut a path 500 yards wide for 11.5 miles. Denna Williams and I attended the initial disaster relief meeting in Brookport and toured the site. I can't even begin to describe the devastation to that small town. In the wake of these storms, DCEO intends to request a National Emergency Grant to provide temporary employment to dislocated workers to assist with disaster clean-up and recovery efforts. At this time they are awaiting FEMA Public Assistance declaration before submitting to USDOL a funding request for eligible counties. Only counties designated under the Public Assistance category are eligible for NEG services. However in the mean time DCEO is encouraging LWIA's to apply for a IE grant to begin to aid in the clean-up.



Pamela Barbee
Chief Financial Officer

Shawnee Development staff and I will be working with the local officials to determine how we can best be of assistance to them and then we will complete the IE application. Additionally, Denna and I have a meeting with Kathy Lively on Tuesday to learn more about how Man-Tra-Con dealt with the Harrisburg tornado clean-up. Hopefully, we can avoid some of the pitfalls that slowed down the process. I was told that the process for the IE grant approval is fairly quick and we may be able to have projects started within a couple of weeks from submission. The IE disaster grant is similar to our regular IE funding and provides not only the paid work experience, but also funding for the participant to complete training, including supportive services, once the work component is completed. A participant must meet the regular dislocated worker eligibility to be considered for this program. DCEO advises that the IE grant does not replace the NEG grant, so if the counties receive the FEMA Public Assistance declaration we will look into obtaining additional funding if appropriate.

We were officially notified that first group of Airtex workers were laid off on November 21. Fourteen employees were affected, nine individuals were laid-off and five individuals retired. WADI will be contacting these individuals to offer assistance. The company plans to lay off additional employees over the next few months with an estimated 200+ to be affected. A Trade petition was filed and we are awaiting a decision from the USDOL. The board office has had a few requests from members, to share the list of affected employees, to respect the privacy of the individuals we are not able to share the specific information (names addresses, etc...) only to report the numbers.

Mid 5 has started to enroll participants in our IE NEG/DW Long-Term Unemployed grant. We were able to broaden our scope and offer some additional training opportunities. The original grant was limited to CDL/Truck Driving, CNA, Medical Billing, and Pharmacy Tech, but we were able to expand to include Nursing, both LPN and RN, Vet Tech, Physical and Occupational Therapy Tech, and Medical Office Assistance. To be eligible for this grant all participants must be enrolled by March 31, 2014.

The Southern 14 board is still in compliance with a business majority; however we do still have no one representing Gallatin or Edwards counties. We also need one more member to represent the counties of Alexander, Pulaski, Saline, Wabash and White. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining us, please to pass their contact information on to us and we will get some information into their hands.

To prepare for all of our upcoming trade events, Kim and I, along with WADI and SDC staff attended Trade training in Springfield. The Trade act is due to expire on December 31 and DCEO is expecting many changes to the program.

One of the many things that we talked about on the ride to and from Springfield was the area's food pantries and the reduced resources available. Wabash Area Development and Shawnee Development provide food pantries in each of our fourteen counties. Most of the pantries receive Federal Commodities and purchase food items from the Tri-State Food Bank, as well as local donations, but this is not always enough to cover the growing need. This is where we can help! I would like to challenge each of us to bring a non-perishable box item to the December Board meeting. Any boxed meal (i.e. hamburger helper) and a can of tuna or chicken, or a box of oat meal or some breakfast cereal, breakfast bars for example. Once collected all items will be equally divided between WADI and SDC or if you prefer WADI and SDC can accept monetary donations. For monetary donations specify that the funds are to be used for food pantry and designate a county to receive the funds.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! As always please let me know if I can offer any additional information or if you would like to see something else covered in our newsletter.

Pamela Barbee
Chief Financial Officer

BOARD MEETING ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Please be prepared to vote on the following items at the December 10, 2013 board meeting:
(these items will sent in a separate e-mail attachment)

- So. 14 LWIB Minutes for September 2013
- So. 14 LWIB Expenditures for September, October and November 2013
- 2014 Board Officers (the Nomination committee met on December 02, 2013 and will bring the following slate of officers to the board meeting for approval)



Chairman Royce Carter
 Vice-Chairman Randall Rushing
 Secretary/Treasurer Karen Weiss

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NEG Disaster Project

As a result of severe storms and flooding across Illinois in late April and early May 2013, FEMA declared 40 counties Public Assistance disaster areas, allowing local governments to receive assistance with clean-up efforts. The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) was recently awarded up to \$2 million in grant funds by the U.S. Department of Labor to assist local governments by providing temporary workers to help return communities to pre-disaster condition.

There are job openings now for eligible workers! Use our website to learn about the program, review eligibility, and find a location to apply.

Get information regarding the 15 counties declared state disaster areas after the November 17, 2013 violent storms and tornadoes. Information will be posted as it's made available.

Local Government Worksite and Workers Eligibility

See All FEMA Declared Counties

Frequently Asked Questions

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is participating with state efforts following violent storms and tornadoes on Sunday, November 17, 2013 that affected several regions of the state. As of November 20, 2013 fifteen (15) Illinois counties have been declared as state disaster areas.

The state disaster declaration makes available a wide variety of state resources that can help affected communities respond and recover from the storms. The state of Illinois has personnel and assets that can be mobilized to help local government officials with disaster recovery, including such things as trucks, heavy equipment to remove debris, communications equipment and provide assistance with security and other public safety issues.

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