

KANSASWORKS STATE BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 3, 2008 • 9A – 10A
Teleconference

Present: Eddie Estes, Gerald Cook, Ed Berger, Larissa Long, Rae Anne Davis for Sec. Kerr

Guests: Kris Kitchen (Area II)

Staff: Cindy Nau

Meeting began at 9:04 AM.

The Committee reviewed the estimated cost handouts for meeting in Topeka, Wichita and Overland Park. Meeting costs outside of Topeka are greatly increased due to additional travel expenses—\$2,000 to 3,500 more. Given rescission and budget cuts Committee agreed it best to keep meetings in Topeka.

Eddie Estes motioned to hold meetings in Topeka for the next year and revisit the topic after the April 2009 meeting. Ed Berger seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Rae Anne Davis shared other cost saving measures for the coming year, which include:

- No conferences
- No travel reimbursement for subcommittee meetings; they'll be held via teleconference
- In-state travel will be held to a minimum
- Out-of-state travel will not be permitted
- No positions filled

The Committee supported the cost savings. Berger suggested use of video conferencing as well as teleconference.

Rae Anne asked the board for feedback on increasing the waiver for Rapid Response funds from 25% to 50% (waiver allows RR dollars to be shifted to WIA Set-Aside). Berger expressed concern about a 50% waiver and the funds not being there to help those who are laid-off. He suggested the money be kept until the end of the year and spent only if necessary. Otherwise, the state is left vulnerable. Rae Anne explained that if the waiver was granted it didn't mean the money would have to be spent, but rather it could be shifted and spent if needed. The Committee thought it was really risky and suggested the full board discuss it at the next meeting if Commerce would like to raise the waiver.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.