

**Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2009**

Attendees: Frank Holuta – Elkin
Volker Valentin – Gorell
Mike Rempel – Gorell
Tom Baker – Winchester Industries
Nancy Saxman – Synergy Contracting
Carrie Roup – Clark Metals
Steve McPherson – MGK Technologies

Kevin Lazor – CareerLink
Ken Raybuck – Tri-county WIB
Jane Gardner – IUP
Dave Frick – Commissioner

Unemployment Statistics

Mike reviewed the statistics with the group. Unemployment is up, however Indiana county is tied for 14th among state counties and manufacturing employment has increased by 200 since February.

Gazette Interview Update

Mike indicated that he had his interview with Margaret Hooper from the Gazette and the article on the Consortium will run this Sunday.

Climate Change Seminar

Mike updated the group on a seminar he attended last week in Harrisburg on Climate Change – Cap and Trade legislation – and indicated that most of the presenters noted that the cost of this legislation will be significant and borne by the public, that it will lower GDP and raise unemployment.

Shared Training Update

Ken gave an update on the shared training classes. HR starts tomorrow and is overbooked. The other classes – two for Green and one for CS could use more attendees if anyone is interested.

Recruitment Event Update

Frank gave an update on the event. Mike will handle the advertising including adding it to the website. Final invitations will go out next week. Frank asked Mike for letterhead – 250.

Tri-County Meeting Update

Mike reminded the group of the July 29th tri-county event in Kittanning. Tom Palisin and two other speakers will be presenting. Hopefully we will get a good turnout from our county on this.

Welding Video Update

Steve asked that we set up a meeting of those interested to finalize the video. Mike said he will set that up for Steve.

2009-2010 Budget Planning

Mike indicated that we need to have a list of our needs prepared so we can provide those details to Ken & Mary for our needs when we find out what the state budget includes.

Here To Help Recap

Kevin Lazor gave the update on the event – 33 agencies had tables and 57 individuals came to the event. Kevin thanked the consortium for their support.

IUP Services

IUP now has a university-wide department of Workforce Education and Economic Development which acts as a liaison to IUP services and resources and the business community.

The Office of Workforce Education and Economic Development is pleased to announce the launch of its new website at www.iup.edu/econdevelopment.

The new website features an *Economic Data Resources* page with links to national and regional economic indicators. This section provides access to a wide range of economic data in one convenient location for businesses, faculty, students and the general public. The *Economic Data Resources* page was constructed in collaboration with the IUP Economics Department in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Jane to ask Tracy Mission to be a speaker at an upcoming fall Consortium meeting.

Social Networking

Mike raised the idea of getting to the youth through Facebook, My Space and Twitter. Carrie agreed to take care of setting up Facebook and My Space accounts and Mike will handle the Twitter account.

Quality Of Life Directory

The group agreed that if we have the money available to go ahead and put an ad in the directory for the ICMC.