

GC BUSINESS FIRST

August 11, 2009

Members Present

Tom Bianco, Chair
Brenda Geist, BRC
Allen Magid, GCC
Bridget DiGiambattista, WIB Staff

Cindy Cliver, Abilities Center
Mo Reichman, NJLWD
Karen Dickel, WIB Staff

Members Absent

Joe Frattali, WIB Director
Justin Kenyon, NJEDA
Keith McDermott, DVR

Jerry Knast, St. John of God
Sam Leone, Business

Tom opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Motion to approve June 9, 2009 meeting minutes was made by Allen Magid.

Introduction of new member Brenda Geist representing the BRC.

Updates

The lease for US Postal Service in Bridgeport will expire December 2010.

Tom will visit Jafra Cosmetics next week.

Tom visited Infinity Compound in Pureland. He forwarded their information to Brenda.

Tom reported he has visited 39 companies to date.

Allen reported:

LeBrea Bakery grant application has been approved for \$71,400 and will start August 14th.

McKesson Surgical is interested in a grant, but have not applied to date.

Checkpoint has expressed interest in grant, however, has not filed application.

To date, Booth Radiology has not received approval for their grant application.

Tom will visit Shorewood Display; they are interested in applying for a grant.

Mo reported 35,000 NJ residents will soon lose their unemployment benefits after 79 weeks, there may be a 13 week extension. One incentive program continuing to run is the enhanced Pell grants. The One Stop may extend office hours to accommodate more groups for Pell grant applications.

Announcements

The next Plant Executives luncheon will be September 10, 2009, 12:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn, Bridgeport.

Green Energy Conference will be August 12, 11:00 – 2:00 at Rowan University.

A motion for adjournment was made by Allen Magid.

The next meeting will be September 8, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WIB Staff