



Advisory Board Meeting April 10th, 2023

Members Present

- Kenley Nebeker – TrainND
- Paula Langford – Job Service North Dakota
- Jared Iverson – Oasis Petroleum
- Cary Longie – Crestwood
- Daniel Stenberg – McKenzie County JDA
- Keith Olson – Small Business Development Center
- Shawn Wenko – Williston Economic Development
- Anthony Dudas – XWA
- Dubi Cummings – MWEC
- Pat Bertagnolli – Job Service North Dakota
- Barry Schmahl – J-W Power Company

Members Not Present

- Bernell Hirning – Williston State College
- Riley Yadon – Make Sense Inc
- Ian Anderson- Pronghorn Well Services
- Steve Braden – Braden Consulting (resigned prior to meeting)

Meeting Notes

- Welcome
 - Call to order: 12:04PM by Kenley
- Announcement of Steve Braden resignation from the TrainND Northwest Board and the TrainND Foundation Board
- TrainND Northwest Staff Updates
 - Resignation of Quality Control Specialist, Tara Erickstad
 - Will not fill position at this time
 - Resignation of Data & Accounting Coordinator, Kristin King
 - Will extend offer week of April 10th following interviews
 - Hiring of CDL Instructor, Terry Edgar
 - Will takeover all Minot classes, currently run bi-monthly but we are looking to expand to monthly classes
 - Looking for locations in Minot that we could hold our CDL course
 - Currently still looking for two additional CDL instructors
 - 2 Offers made week of April 10th

- Announcements
 - Touch-A-Truck has been moved to September 16th, 2023
 - Second Annual Death by Chocolate scheduled for February 10th, 2024
 - Recap on First Annual Death by Chocolate
 - UAS Park Update
 - Currently delayed due to procurement office at WSC
 - Kenley to present to WREDND on April 11th 11AM-12PM
- Room Sponsorship Updates
 - Soft commitment from CHI to have a lifetime sponsorship in the CNA Lab and Room 207
 - Go Wireline has committed to a 3 year sponsorship in the Crane Room and some CDL Trucks
- Legislative Updates
 - HB 1019
 - CTE Bill
 - Conference Committee
 - Contains extra \$500,000 for all TrainNDs
 - Distributed according to FTE
 - Our projected cost for FY24 and 25 with raises and health care increases would be \$274,576.12
 - Currently had \$230,000 covered
 - HB 1519
 - UAS Bill (Data & Analytics)
 - Conferences Committee
 - Moved all funding to TrainND Northwest project
 - Anticipated to received & 750,000
 - SB 2122
 - TrainND Funding Formula Bill
 - Passed and signed by Governor as a study
 - Kenley will continue to push for a split based off of Contact Hours and/or student numbers and is considering a percentage of industry cost model
 - Also considering the question of if TrainND should be moved out from under the NDUS and instead look at other departments that are more used to moving at the speed of business.
- Upcoming Opportunities
 - Supply pilots and planes for Vantis Test Flights
 - Partnership with County Weed Board
 - Asked to create a public/private partnership, county will fund all purchases needed
 - Would provide this service to the county while training pilots until there are enough in the area to run their own business(es) then TrainND would step out
 - Currently working through laws on who the liability falls to and who would have ownership
 - Looking to have the farmer/rancher purchase the chemical themselves to try and avoid any mis-spraying

- Workover Rig Program
 - Looking to restart here and add a course to McKenzie County as well, with our rig moving between the two
 - At this time companies have said they feel they could run the same program themselves for cheaper, and we would need a commitment from industry to fill 75 seats per year
 - What does an injury cost the company? Could the training save them money long term
 - Is retention a factor? Is there a way to reduce turnover with this training and save costs?
 - Companies in the past were “stealing” workers that were new hires by offering hirer wages while still at TrainND for the training course
 - How many people are the truly training a year themselves? When does it become too many for them to train themselves efficiently
 - Do we just wait until it continues to get worse and go back to the stats again? Does it hurt producers too much in the mean time?
 - Could we get data from WSI? Would WSI refer companies that have a certain level of injury/death? Possibly scholarship?
 - Potential for a set of pilot classes with Ukrainian workers (working with NDPC and Ron Ness)
- Grand Sky Partnership
 - Want us to deliver Subway and Pizza Hut 2 miles away due to our non-geographically constrained waiver but our Part 107 does not apply to deliveries
 - Working to find solutions around this
- NCCCO Cranes (Challenges)
 - Have started the training process for multiple practical examiners
 - Jen has been certified as a written examiner
- Financials Update
 - Biggest swing of cash flow for all year was Q3
 - Motion to approve by Cary
 - Second by Anthony
 - Passed at 1:08PM
- Affiliation Agreement Discussion and Approval
 - Group will review and approve via email
- TrainND Northwest Board Reorganization
 - Suggestion has been made for a chair and co-chair for TrainND Northwest Advisory Board
 - Barry – would the president of the board then be expected to speak at legislature and similar events?
 - There would be potential for this, but would not be a requirement at this time

- Dubi – Remove employed staff from the position as chair, act as someone who can speak on behalf of the entire board and TrainND. Recommends the approach be taken for both boards (recommendation to be considered in next Foundation Meeting)
- Cary – Gives Kenley more support and does not put him in a tough spot with anyone at WSC. The chair can act as a mediator and relay information between the TrainND Board and WSC President without putting Kenley in the middle. The person does need to have ample time to fulfill this commitment, as well as not being in a bad place with their own position if they took this role
- Keith – Could allow tough conversations to be had on behalf on TrainND without Kenley being viewed as insubordinate
- Dubi – Is also a benefit to WSC President (and others). This person would not take on the administrative duties currently done by TrainND staff (scheduling meetings, taking notes, etc.)
- Keith – Could be beneficial moving forward with the study to eliminate any questions of self-serving
- Jared – Recommends only chair and vice chair, Keith agrees and could allow for a rotation
- Cary nominates Dubi for chair, no other nominations, Dubi accepts
 - Motion passes 1:26PM
- Paula nominates Barry for co-chair, no other nominations, Barry accepts
 - Motion passes 1:27PM
- Board Feedback
 - Will send via email
- Schedule Next Meeting
 - Kenley to meet with Barry and Dubi
- Last Word
- Meeting adjourned : 1:33PM by Kenley