

ADOPTED MINUTES
Monterey County Workforce Development Board
Special Business Services Committee Meeting
Via Teleconference
Thursday, April 22, 2021

Members Present: Mary Ann Leffel (Chair), Paula Calvetti, Steve Snodgrass, and Wendy Brickman

Staff Present: Chris Donnelly, Flor Galvan, Jerry Hernandez, and Laura Kershner

Public Comment: None

Call to Order/Introductions: Mary Ann Leffel called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked for introductions. A quorum was established.

Changes to Agenda: None

Discussion or Review of Business Calendar Action Items:

1. Business engagement for third quarter was higher than normal because staff was providing outreach for the Small Business Relief “Cares” Grant to businesses throughout Monterey county. Due to the pandemic job postings were down however staff is seeing incremental growth in this area. An industry job fair has been scheduled for the month of May. WDB in collaboration with Hartnell and other partners are working on a Central Coast Career Fair.
2. WDB staff received responses for surveys for Round 1 of the Small Business Relief grant. A total of \$625,000 out of \$825,000 was paid out to businesses for Round 2. Staff are awaiting additional documents from applicants of Round 2 so additional funds can be paid out. A total of \$840,000 funds is available for Round 3 businesses. The grant will open on May 17, 2021 and close on May 31, 2021.
3. Committee member discussed how they can assist WDB staff with networking with many businesses in Monterey County.
4. The next meeting was scheduled for either Wednesday, May 19th or Thursday, May 20th. A doodle would be sent out to poll committee members.

Adjournment: Mary Ann Leffel adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.