



Meeting Minutes
Iowa Prison Industries Advisory Board
Friday, May 24, 2019
Meeting held via Teleconference

Present: Dr. Doug Hillman, Jennifer Gardner, Terry Goodman, Megan Ellsworth, Sheila Wilson, Tim Diesburg, Dan Clark.

Absent: Bonnie Winther

Staff:

Guests:

I. Call to Order.

Dr. Doug Hillman called the meeting to order at 9:02am on May 24, 2019.

II. Approval of Offender Private Sector Employment Project – Lomont Molding.

Mr. Diesburg made a motion to approve the project. Ms. Gardner seconded the motion.

During discussion of the motion Mr. Diesburg asked whether the company planned to employ other, more highly skilled positions. Mr. Clark said that the company had requested and was approved only for Machine Operators, but indicated that at a later date it may seek to add what it calls “value added” work such as light assembly of molded parts. The company stated that the employment of incarcerated men from the Mt. Pleasant facility would enable it to employ more civilians in higher skilled positions such as engineering and production management.

Dr. Hillman asked what shifts the company planned to employ incarcerated men on, and Mr. Clark stated they would be working on one of the 12-hour shifts, as the company employed a 4-crew, 24/7 operation. Dr. Hillman followed up ask whether the institution was OK to support night shift workers, and Mr. Clark stated that the minimum security facilities (NCCF, CRC and MPCF) were indeed equipped to handle this.

Dr. Hillman asked whether the company would be able to employ men from MPCF after their release, and Mr. Clark said the company was very interested to do so, and that their location in Mt. Pleasant made this possible since Lomont could draw released men from the SE Iowa cities of Burlington, Iowa City and Ft. Madison, as well as the immediate Mt. Pleasant area. Mr. Clark relayed that Mr. Goodman thought this remained an opportunity for improvement with the re-entry process: making it easier for an incarcerated man or woman that is working in the PIE program to remain with their employer after release, even if they are not from that immediate area.

The motion was approved unanimously and the Lomont Molding PIE program is approved.

III. Adjourn

Dr. Hillman asked for a motion to adjourn, which was offered by Ms. Gardner and seconded by Mr. Diesburg. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

Minutes submitted by:

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Dan Clark, Director

Minutes approved by:

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Dr. Doug Hillman, Chair