

Meeting Minutes

Iowa Prison Industries Advisory Board Wednesday, January 12, 2022 Meeting held online via Google Meet

Present: Dr. Doug Hillman, Tim Diesburg, Greg Steggerda, Dr. Jennifer Doke-Kerns, Ralph Haskins

Absent: None

Staff: Dan Clark

Guests: None

I. Call to Order.

Dr. Doug Hillman called the meeting to order at 7:57am on January 12, 2022.

II. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes.

Mr. Steggerda made a motion to approve the minutes for the online meeting held September 10, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. Diesburg and passed unanimously.

III. Approval of a new private industries program at Evapco.

Mr. Clark informed the Board that Evapco of Lake View, IA had applied to participate in the private industries program, and had met the qualifications. Mr. Diesburg made a motion to approve the project, which was seconded by Mr. Steggerda. During discussion of the motion, Mr. Clark explained that the company had been unable to hire enough qualified civilians, and wished to transport minimum security men from the Rockwell City prison to their location. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business.

Mr. Clark informed the board that a statistical analysis of DOC apprenticeship participants was being conducted by Iowa's Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP), a program within the Iowa Department of Human Rights. The analysis will examine the recidivism, employment and wage data for men and women that had been apprentices and had been released. Initial findings look very positive.

Mr. Clark also informed the board that three institutions were under restricted movement (Fort Madison, Anamosa and Rockwell City) due to security issues and COVID outbreaks, which were straining staffing.

V. Adjourn

Dr. Hillman asked for a motion to adjourn, which was offered by Mr. Diesburg and seconded by Dr. Doke-Kerns. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20am.

Minutes submitted by:

Minutes approved by:

Dan Clark, Director

Daniel J. Clark

Dr. Doug Hillman, Chair