



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Iowa Prison Industries Advisory Board**  
**Friday, October 14, 2022**  
**Meeting held online via Google Meet**

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

*Absent:* None

*Staff:* Dan Clark

*Guests:* None

**I. Call to Order.**

Dr. Doug Hillman called the meeting to order at 9:01am on October 14, 2022.

**II. Homes for Iowa building update.**

Mr. Clark provided the following updates to the Board: IPI is working with DAS to bid out the warehouse building; Materials bids for roofing, shingles, windows, exterior doors and siding are being prepared; WHO TV-13 conducted an onsite interview last week; an evaluation of the Green Streets criteria is underway; There is a need for more program participants and for men with more time left in their sentences, and Mr. Clark is working with the Department; a career fair with 10 employers is planned for Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> as part of National Apprenticeship Week.

**III. Update on the overall IPI Program.**

Mr. Clark informed the Board that due to security constraints, the program at Fort Dodge has been locked down for two weeks. Currently about 25 of 110 workers are allowed to participate.

Mr. Clark will meet with one of the newer members if the Iowa Board of Parole at the Anamosa State Penitentiary. He thanked board member Ralph Haskins for his role in helping IPI develop an evaluation tool for program participants, which is referenced by counselors and the BOP during release decisions.

The Iowa State Patrol is hosting an active shooter training at the IPI Showroom next week.

IPI has begun conducting security assessments at its operations. Staff from other IPI locations conduct an evaluation of security practices. Assessments have been conducted at Mitchellville and the Anamosa Sign Shop, with Mount Pleasant scheduled for November.

In regards to apprenticeships, Mr. Clark reiterated the study findings reported by an independent third party – recidivism fell by half, post release employment doubled, and wages increased by 68% versus men and women that had not completed an apprenticeship.

**IV. New Business.**

Mr. Clark announced that he planned to retire from IPI in the early spring.

Dr. Hillman recommended that the Board elect a new chair and vice-chair. This will be part of the agenda for December.

Mr. Steggerda noted that his term had apparently expired, but that he was willing to continue serving. Mr. Clark will contact the boards and commissions staff.

**V. Adjourn**

Dr. Hillman asked for a motion to adjourn, which was offered by Mr. Diesburg and seconded by Mr. Haskins. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.

Minutes submitted by:



**Dan Clark, Director**

Minutes approved by:



**Dr. Doug Hillman, Chair**