

Brown County Business Advisory Committee 2/21/23

Call to order: Bill Garrett, Brown County ESC Superintendent called the meeting to order.

Introductions:

Minutes: Motion to approve by Jon Linkous, 2nd: Barry Woodruff. Motion Carried.

Old Business: The Conference Room has been upgraded with a new sound system and camera system.

New Business:

The Brown County BAC received the Two Gold Star Award (1st time Brown County has been recognized)

Trevor Corboy: Trevor Corboy was introduced as the new Agriculture Natural Resource and Community Development Extension Educator for Brown County.

Danielle Sawyers/Stephanie Wagoner reported on the ASPIRE project and upcoming STEM and STEAM related programming. STEAMology: Brown County Regional Network. The goal is to connect local businesses and students through educational opportunities to build a local workforce. STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics. ASPIRE survey is done to ascertain the network in Brown County. May 9th and 10th , 2024 STEAM events at the Brown County Fairgrounds.

Keith Koehne –INTERalliance: The organization was formed to grow IT talent in the region. Originally started by 20 companies. Has chapters in schools-over 50 in the region. Tech Olympics was recently held at Great American Ballpark. Help facilitate paid internships for students. Ohio High School Tech grant for internships-companies work thru INTERalliance. Companies can receive up to \$5,000.00 for the interns. ESC's can qualify for the internship program. (So can schools and CTC's in addition to businesses.)

GRIT Update: GRIT day of learning Feb. 22 at Chillicothe. Shawnee State will have the summer Beartrack program. Each of the districts have been involved.

Workforce Development Coordinator Update: New position to be hired in Brown County at the ESC.

Other:

Sharing:

Important Dates:

Lisa Hord:Brown County Business Over Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Southern State Community College March 22 Mt. Orab campus. Coding Competition: May 5th.

May 9,10, Human Library at Green Acres/Middle School Career Program for Georgetown, Ripley and Eastern Brown with their middle school Ag programs.

May 24 and 25th Human Library at Green Acres-Funding by the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation

Programs have been presented at Eastern and Ripley Middle Schools

June 5-9 Teacher's STEAM workshop in collaboration with business partners and funding from Ohio Means Jobs and GRIT.

4-H Deadline to join: April 1st

Barry Woodruff County Commissioner: working on the Appalachia Funding Projects and reviewing projects.

Brown County Libraries: The libraries have received a~ \$250,000.00 grant for STEAM programming. They will also have teen interns. Will offer a tutoring program. Paid tutoring program. Handout

Future Date May 16 at 4:00 p.m.

Camp Scrub is being sponsored by Southern Hills CTC.

Western Brown: participates in the Career Academy. Students participate in the various program at Southern Hills CTC. A Fine Arts Camp is also slated again for summer 2023. New playgrounds will be installed at their schools.

Beth Kress: 2023 Chamber Meetings will be at new places- the meetings will provide greater insight to what is the county. She is willing to share job openings as she travels throughout the counties. The Chamber provides job listings for members.

Ohio Means Jobs does a lot to help teens and older adults find jobs. Summer teen program will be available again this summer. Assist with job interviews, resumes.

Jon Linkous : expressed the need for Financial Literacy in the schools.

Attendance:

Evelyn Yockey, Bill Garrett, Danielle Sawyers, Becky Cropper, Stephanie Wagoner,
Greg Barlow, Barry Woodruff, Lisa Hord, Lynn Harden, Jon Linkous

Dan Wickerham, Jerry Underwood, Trevor Corboy, Raegan White, Keith Koehne, Jordan Michael, Beth Kress, Edna

Zoom: Alex Betram, Ashlie Webster, Jim Holden, David Hesson, Jen Patrick, Tim Carlier,

May 16th at 4:00 p.m. at the ESC. Next meeting.