

BUTLER COUNTY MANUFACTURING CONSORTIUM

MINUTES April 19, 2006

Present:

Jim Ferguson – Penn United Technology; Mark Balentine – AstenJohnson; Terri Bowser – CID Associates; Doug Bartosh – Unimach Manufacturing; Mary Salony – TCWIB; Peggy Weckerly – Butler County CareerLink

Minutes of the March 29, 2006, meeting were reviewed and approved.

Manufacturing Coordinator for the Tri-County Manufacturing Consortia:

Interviews have been conducted, and the position should be filled by early May.

Butler County Mfg Consortium Checking Account:

Doug has received the EIN and is opening the account. He as Treasurer and Jim as Chairperson will have the authorized signatures for the account.

AstenJohnson closing – Mark Balentine:

Of the 62 employees who will be out of work when the company closes, 7 are relocating. AJ opened late 1987 and supplies the paper industry by doing forming. The Warrendale facility is the most productive and profitable of the 3 AJ sites, but work is being lost to China. AJ has a strong team approach with lean mfg. Every job in the plant can be done by 72% of the associates. Any company interested in possibly hiring AJ employees is urged to tour the site and see the quality of work done – call Mark at 724-741-2736.

Manufacturing Technology Connection Showcase May 5-6-7 Clearview Mall:

Jim has finalized all the arrangements with the Mall; Penn United signed the agreement and provided liability coverage – which will be reimbursed by the Capacity Building part of the grant received. Cost is \$150 for each company, with \$100 being applied for the first year Consortium membership dues. A large display ad will be placed in the Eagle with business card sized ads from local manufacturers – cost determined by # of businesses with ads.

Consortium Website:

Allegheny Graphics from Armstrong County did the Armstrong website and is doing Indiana's, so we will use them also. Their rep will be invited to May's meeting.

Next meeting – Thursday, May 25, 2006, at 7:30 AM at the CareerLink.