

**MADISON COUNTY
GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2026, 4:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Frank Dickerson, Alison Lamothe, Fred Schulte, Ron Simpson, Denise Wiehardt

ABSENT: Valerie Doucleff, Victor Valentine, Shawndell Wilson

OTHERS: Stacey Pace, Lisa Mersinger, Nadine Pfeiffer, Chris Kalter, Paige Campbell,
Darlene Ladd, Kyle Anderson, Cynthia Ellis, Mike Babcock

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kyle Anderson, Executive Director & CEO of the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois, was present to address the Committee. He brought a handout for the Committee and talked about items on the handout. He also mentioned that they received a grant from Associated Bank and they used the money to buy laptops. They will go to schools throughout the region to do Open Source GIS education with High School and 7th and 8th grade students. Kyle also told the Committee that the annual dinner will be held on March 24, at the Regency in O'Fallon, Illinois. He stated that Chairman Slusser and Cathryn Hamilton will be attending and everyone is welcome to come. He told the Committee for the tourism part of the dinner, they have the President of Indy cars coming to speak along with the founder of Freddie's restaurants.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair, Denise Wiehardt, asked the Committee if there were any suggestions to add, subtract, or changes to the minutes from the Grants Committee meeting on February 3, 2026. The minutes will stand as written.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

None

F. PURCHASE APPROVALS

Chair, Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve the Monthly Purchase Report.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 5 members present.

G. PURCHASE REQUESTS

G1. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a **revised** purchase request for Incumbent Worker Program Costs for Leadership and Manager Training for HatLaunch with Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC), the amount not to exceed \$15,717.13, for term January 26, 2026 - June 30, 2026.

Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 5 members present.

G2. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a **revised** purchase request for Employer Incentive Payment for Teacher Apprentices with Belleville School district 118, for \$14,500.00 through June 30, 2026.

Motion to approve was made by Alison Lamothe, seconded by Frank Dickerson.

Motion approved by the 5 members present.

G3. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request for Employer Incentive Payment for Teacher Apprentices with Edwardsville CUSD 7, not to exceed \$10,000.00 through June 30, 2026.

Motion to approve was made by Frank Dickerson, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 5 members present.

G4. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a purchase request for Employer Incentive Payment for Teacher Apprentices with the Special School District of St. Louis County, in the amount of \$8,500.00, through June 30, 2026.

Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson, seconded by Alison Lamothe.

Motion approved by the 5 members present.

H. PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS

H1. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing payment for Employer Incentives for the Madison County Employment and Training Department with Fresh Harvest 365, LLC for \$55,000.00.

Motion to approve was made by Alison Lamothe, seconded by Frank Dickerson.

Motion approved by the 5 members present.

H2. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing payment for Employer Incentives for the Madison County Employment and Training Department with Bethesda Health Group Inc. for \$50,000.00.

Motion to approve was made by Alison Lamothe, seconded by Ron Simpson.

Motion approved by the 5 members present.

I. RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

I1. Chair Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve a resolution authorizing an amended resolution authorizing the substantial amendment of the Community Development PY2025 Annual Action Plan.

Motion to approve was made by Alison Lamothe, seconded by Fred Schulte.

Motion approved by the 5 members present.

J. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

J1. Darlene Ladd, Director of Employment and Training, was present to discuss the monthly Employment and Training report that was previously emailed to the Committee.

J2. Stacey Pace was present to give the MCCD monthly report that was previously emailed to the Committee.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

L. NEW BUSINESS

None

M. CLOSED SESSION

None

N. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Grants meeting will be Tuesday, April 7, 2026 @ 4:00pm.

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:21 pm by Frank Dickerson.

Motion approved by the 5 members present.