

**MADISON COUNTY GRANTS COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 7, 2025, 4:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Valerie Doucleff, Shawndell Wilson, Victor Valentine, Alison Lamothe, Fred Schulte, Ron Simpson, Denise Wiehardt

ABSENT: Frank Dickerson

OTHERS: Cythia Ellis, Tony Fuhrmann, Mike Babcock, Kyle Anderson, Amy Lyerla, Dave Goodrich, Lisa Mersinger, Chris Kalter, Stacey Pace, Chris Slusser, Dave Tanzyus, Tom McRae, Destini Lednický

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kyle Anderson from the Leadership Council addressed the Committee

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

Stacey Pace was present to speak to the committee about the Salvation Army funding extension that was previously emailed to the Committee.

**E. 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 October 7, 2025.

Motion made to accept the minutes by

All Yes, Committee members approved the motion. Therefore, the minutes stand as written.

**F. PROCLAMATIONS**

**G. PURCHASE APPROVALS**

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

Motion to approve was made by Victor Valentine seconded by Fred Schulte

**Motion approved by the 7 members present.**

**H. PURCHASE REQUESTS**

Chair, Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve Employer Incentive Payment for Mascoutah School District for 9 teacher apprentices in the amount of \$850/per apprentice for a total \$7,650.00.

Motion to approve was made by Valerie Doucleff seconded by Alison Lamothe

**Motion approved by the 7 members present.**

**I. PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS**

Chair, Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve Revised Resolution to award training dollars to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Awarding additional funds to increase capacity based on employer demand.

Motion to approve was made by Alison Lamothe seconded by Valerie Doucleff

**Motion approved by the 7 members present.**

## **J.- RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

**J1.** Chair, Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve Resolution Awarding Bids for Weatherization Material-Vendor and Fact Sheet

**Motion to Amend:** ~~Materials~~ and Add Contractors. Motion to approve was made by Valerie Doucleff seconded by Alison Lamothe

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

**Motion approved by the 7 members present.**

**J2.** Chair, Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve Resolution Re-Authorizing 2025 Park & Recreation Grant funds for Edwardsville Township

Motion to approve was made by Valerie Doucleff seconded by Victor Valentine

**Motion approved by the 7 members present.**

**J3.** Chair, Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve Resolution authorizing HOME funding for The Forum Associates, LP, Southwestern Illinois Housing Development Authority, The Forum Apartments, Troy, IL.

Motion to approve was made by Ron Simpson seconded by Victor Valentine

**Motion approved by the 7 members present.**

**J4.** Chair, Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve An Ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone encompassing contiguous portions within the County of Madison, City of Edwardsville, and Village of Pontoon Beach.

Motion to approve was made by Alison seconded by Fred Schulte

**Motion approved by the 7 members present.**

**J5.** Chair, Denise Wiehardt, asked for a motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement by and among the County of Madison, the City of Edwardsville, and the Village of Pontoon Beach in respect to the Gateway Commerce Enterprise Zone. `

Motion to approve was made by Victor Valentine seconded by Alison Lamothe

**Motion approved by the 7 members present.**

## **K. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Anthony Fuhrmann, from the Employment and Training Department, was present to discuss the monthly Employment and Training report that was previously emailed to the Committee. The Unemployment rate for the month of July for the State was 4.7% and for Madison County it was 4.4%.

Tom McRae was present to give the Madison County Economic Development report.

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

## **L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**M. NEW BUSINESS**

Next regular Grants meeting will be Tuesday, November 4, 2025 @ 4:00 pm

**N. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:38pm by Victor Valentine, seconded by Alison Lamothe

**Motion approved by the 7 members present.**