

**MADISON COUNTY GRANTS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 10, 2017, 4:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Clint Jones, Liz Dalton, Erica Harriss, Judy Kuhn, Helen Hawkins, Gussie Glasper, Chrissy Dutton, James Futrell, Bruce Malone

ABSENT: Ann Gorman

OTHERS: Kristen Poshard, Nadine Pfeiffer, Sharon Trettenero, Samuel Borders, Matt Jones, Cynthia Ellis, Scott Cousins, Ray Wesley, Ed Futch, Chris Adamson, Chairman Kurt Prenzler

Clint Jones made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2017 Grants meeting. Motion to approve was made by Liz Dalton, second by James Futrell.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BILLS and PURCHASES REQUESTS APPROVAL**

The bills and purchases were presented by C. Jones. A motion made by James Futrell, second by Bruce Malone. **Motion approved unanimously.**

Kim Petzing from Planning & Development present a Resolution Authorizing Sustainability Grants for FY2017.

A motion to approve was made by Liz Dalton, second by Erica Harriss.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

K. Poshard from MCCD presented a Resolution Authorizing an Infrastructure Loan to the Mitchell Public Water District.

A motion to approve was made by Bruce Malone, second by Gussie Glasper.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

K. Poshard from MCCD presented a Resolution Authorizing a Park & Recreation Loan to Wood River Township.

A motion to approve was made by James Futrell, second by Judy Kuhn.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

K. Poshard from MCCD presented a Resolution Authorizing Funds for the 2017 M.I.C. Summit. A motion to approve was made by Liz Dalton, second by James Futrell.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Madison County Employment and Training Update**

Matt Jones gave an update informing the Committee that their Workforce Innovation Board is in the process of reviewing their youth program bids and one-stop operator bids. The board is also currently in the process of certifying the one-stop as well as finalizing

the budget and memorandum of understanding (MOU) with their partnering agencies. The local & regional plan are still going through the 30 day posted review and the non-profit arm of the board is accepting applications. The board usually awards up to 5 scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors in Madison or Bond Counties. They are also recruiting for the summer youth employment program that will start in June, with 32 hrs. per week at \$10/hr. for 18-24 year olds. They are also still recruiting for the Venice Community Gardens project. A handout was given to all committee members.

They are currently testing applicants for Phillips 66 for a variety of positions with testing ending at the end of April. They will have tested around 250 people. They are also funding an incumbent worker training project at Imperial Manufacturing in Alton. The training is being provided by the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center and will train up to 17 current employees at a cost of \$9,300.

Also, IT & Facilities Management installed a second computer lab in their downstairs conference room. They now have 9 additional computers that were donated by LCCC and they used federal funds to do the software upgrades.

Matt distributed another handout to all committee members- Illinois Workforce Partnership. He noted that on page 4 there is a youth success story from our workforce area.

### **MCCD UPDATE**

K. Poshard informed the Grants Committee members on the MIC (Model Innovative County) summit that was held April 6 – 7, 2017. There are some action items that have come up out of the M.I.C. Summit.

For example, AT& T is meeting with us regarding putting cell towers up starting in Grantfork.

Also, T-Rex and our office are partnering on a couple things. One being an expansion from their St. Louis region into Madison County for technology entrepreneurship. And we are talking with them about doing a hackathon to get a marketing program for Madison County to help move businesses to our region. A hackathon would bring Universities and different organizations together for a weekend and they would create what they would think is the best product that you are looking for. At the end of the hackathon, there will be a panel who decides who did the best job and they will get some money at the end. We are just talking about doing this at this time, nothing in motion yet.

We are also working on STM (Science, Technology, and Math) programming with the Mannie Jackson center in communities that are low income & otherwise, communicating with communities about different Electricity options.

Cyber security – we have a company that is offering to do a county wide assessment on our cyber security.

Mary Lamie from Freightway is working on a major rail hub opportunity in Madison County, and we are in talks with 2 major railroads.

MCT let us know that they are not going to provide extensions for transportation for shift workers where thousands of people are employed. So we are looking at focusing on other opportunities that we can do otherwise.

Affordable housing- the new phase, the head of IHDA (Illinois Housing Development Authority) announced that we have 5 revitalization projects going on right now in Madison County that were put together within the past 6 months.

We are going to be looking into Route 66 and see how we can do things that will increase our tourism dollars.

We will be collaborating with Employment & Training and the Mannie Jackson Center for Humanities on how we can help individuals pass the drug test and stay off of drugs.

K. Poshard then showed and talked to the Grants Committee about a Proclamation for Fair Housing Month that states that Madison County does proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. This is done every year. The Chairman stated that he didn't think we did a lot of that in the past in terms of weighing in on federal issues. Helen Hawkins stated that in the Township they must pass the Fair Housing Act in order to get federal funds. J. Arnold then explained that it is a National Act across the United States and that the Proclamation simply states that Madison County recognizes April as National Fair Housing Month. The Committee members signed the proclamation.

Judy Kuhn stated that she was glad to hear about the cell towers that will be going up in Grantfork. She also asked K. Poshard about the Aging Program. MCCD started a Dept. of Aging that allowed work to be done through our funds and we have to stay neutral. So, now we are bringing all of the Senior Centers together to take a look County wide to see if we could as a Grants Committee to maybe create a funding outlet using UDAG or otherwise where we could help facilitate some of these senior programs.

Helen Hawkins gave out a hand out regarding the Nameoki III-Dobrey Slough Grant from Senator William Haine. It stated that the Grant is frozen right now and she hopes that the loan will go through.

Next meeting date: Monday, May 8, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Chrissy Dutton, second by Liz Dalton.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

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