

**MADISON COUNTY GRANTS COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 6, 2017 4:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: James Futrell, Ann Gorman, Helen Hawkins

OTHERS: Nadine Pfeiffer, Samuel Borders, Sharon Trettenero, Lisa Mersinger,  
Dave Harrison, Tony Fuhrmann, Lisa Ciampoli, Scott Cousins,

Clint Jones asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2017 Grants Meeting. A motion to approve was made by B. Malone, second by L. Dalton.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BILLS and PURCHASES REQUESTS APPROVAL**

The Bills and Purchase report was presented by Clint Jones. A motion to approve was made by G. Glasper, second by J. Kuhn.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

Tony Fuhrmann from Employment & Training stated that the Federal budget is a concern. The President's budget cuts our Title 1-B by 40%, House budget cuts it by 3%, and the Senate budget keeps it whole. Tony stated that they are moving forward with the assumption that it will be a small cut or no cut. He and his managers completed a S.W.A.T. analysis and they determined that they are lacking in Marketing. They are seeking ideas on how to bring more participants in and they will reach out to a workforce board member who is the interim dean at the SIUE School of Business, to see if there is a graduate student working on their final project and help them work on a marketing plan free of charge.

They also want to get a bigger role in the business world by adding a second business rep and to get business members on the local workforce board involved to reach out to other businesses to get them involved.

He stated that the Federal legislation that they work under states 40% of their funds needs to spent on training and last month the State of Illinois workforce board decided it should be 50%. So they are looking to see what they need to do to increase their numbers. They are looking with the impression that at the beginning of the year, there will be a hold harmless agreement with the 50%, but if you don't hit the 50%, you lose the money.

Tony stated that he will keep the committee informed.

Lisa Mersinger asked the Committee if they wanted to have a separate meeting session to discuss the pointing system guidelines for CDBG grant applications. After much discussion on days and times, the Committee decided that they will have the meeting on

Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the MCCD office, 130 Hillsboro Ave., Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Sharon Trettenero addressed the Committee about lowering the UDAG interest rate which right now is at 3% for up to 7 years and 4% from 7 – 10 years. James Arnold stated that it would potentially make UDAG more competitive to get more money into the communities while generating more interest as well.

C. Jones stated that municipal loans are going now for just over 3% to just under 3%. So we are in the range, but could be a little more competitive. He stated that this would greatly help the less affluent, smaller communities in the county. It would be up to the Grants Committee to decide what the interest rate will be.

Lisa Mersinger also suggested that they could do away with the tier level and the two separate rates.

E. Harris asked if we thought we were losing business because of the interest rate and J. Arnold said yes and he stated that we just wanted to bring it to the Grants Committee attention to start the process. MCCD can change the loan application and bring it back to the Committee at December's Grants meeting.

C. Jones stated that they are still receiving applications for the MCCD Administrator position and so far they have 9 applicants in which 3 are from in house.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to adjourn was made by: J. Kuhn, second by E. Harriss.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

Next meeting Date: Monday, December 11, 2017 at 4:00 pm.