

**Mid America Investment Board
Executive Committee Meeting
America's Job Center - Belleville
July 24, 2025**

Present:

Rich Sauget
Larry McLean
Tony White
Donna Richter
Ken Keeney

Staff:

Rick Stubblefield
Lee Reese
Cindy Layman

Rich called the meeting to order at 8:38 am. There was no public comment regarding the agenda.

Rich asked if there was any discussion on the Executive Committee meeting minutes for 04/03/25. There was none.

Lee shared that the SD&O Committee met on 07/15/25 by Zoom, and that there will be an LWIA 24 partners meeting on July 24th at 10:00 am by Zoom. The meeting is to set up a regular meeting cadence, discuss using AirTable as an online referral platform, discuss partner services cross training, using Disco Learning Management System (LMS), reviewing the customer satisfaction surveys for LWIA 24, and using North Star assessments as a tool. Cristina Fernandez reported business as usual with SNAP. There has been some discussion on work requirements for SNAP benefit recipients but no concrete start date. Mike Conley shared that SWIC is executing two grants, Illinois Works and Climate Equity Jobs Act. Mike reported that SWIC is starting a Manufacturing Pre-apprenticeship program in the fall. Meredith Shivers shared that Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) Adult Education will be starting High School Diploma classes on August 18th. Linda Kaiser reported that senior workers were being furloughed across the state even though funding for their senior program was authorized by Congress through 06/30/26.

Lee shared that the Marketing Committee did not meet due to lack of a quorum.

Larry shared that the Youth Council met 07/17/25 by Zoom and discussed the Youth Program performance and that the all performance measures for PY24 were met or exceeded. Larry shared that in the quarterly services report some of the information was not correct. There was a brief discussion on the cause how to fix the issues.

Lee discussed the performance report and shared that all of the performance measures were met or exceeded.

Lee shared the quarterly services report and there was discussion on the Resource Room uses and the numbers of customers served.

Lee shared the financial report and there was some discussion on the accuracy of the information with Rick stating he would check with Linda Vanderpluym.

Lee presented the WIOA PY25 budget. There was a brief discussion on how funding was allocated.

Lee reminded the committee that the MAWIB Board Officer's election was coming up at the October MAWIB Board meeting. Larry agreed to facilitate the nomination and election process again.

Lee presented the 2026 MAWIB Meetings Calendar for approval. There was some discussion whether the February 12th Board meeting was scheduled on Lincoln's birthday. Lee stated he would check and if it was scheduled on Lincoln's Birthday – being a State holiday, he would change the date for the February 12th meeting to February 19, 2026. Lee did confirm and made the change for the meeting to February 19, 2026, at 8:30 am.

Cindy presented 9 incumbent worker projects for initial funding and 1 project with MAC Medical for revision. There was a brief discussion on how much incumbent worker project funding is available currently for PY25. \$443,000.00 is currently budgeted for PY25. The total cost for the 9 projects is \$267,444.53. The MAC Medical project would be funded with the \$60,698.89 that is left from a previously approved and funded project with MAC Medical.

Rich presented the Consent Agenda for approval to recommend to the MAWIB Board at the July 31st meeting. Larry made a motion to approve, Ken seconded. All were in favor.

With no other items to be presented or comments, Ken made a motion to adjourn, and Larry seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 am.