

Area 8 WIB Meeting Minutes

6/26/2025

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Radway at 2:36pm

Members Present: Rob Radway, Tara Shepard, Carol Knapke (R), Jodi Knouff, Dave Krendl, Stacey Pickens-Smith, Troy Suchland, Nathan Strange, Fred Rush, Josh Bloomfield, quorum met. Excused: Lesia Arnett, Gary McPheron, Logan O'Neill, Brad Wendel, Amanda Miller & Tammy Eilerman

Chairman Radway reviewed the standing Committees and reminded Chairman/Co-Chairman of their purposes and to begin meeting soon.

Chairman Radway opened the floor to entering into Executive Session for the purpose of the Area 8 Director contract. Tara Shepard moved and Nathan Strange 2nd. Executive Session began at 2:49pm. Rob Radway moved and Troy Suchland 2nd to return from Executive Session at 3: 3:19pm. Chairman Radway announced that Amy Freymuth will be the Area 8 Director beginning 9/1/2025.

Anita Kremer, Fiscal Officer, provided copies of the financial report. All funds are being closely monitored to ensure all are spent and transferring amongst counties when necessary. Additionally, Drive on Responsibly funds is being accounted for, Mercer and Hardin counties are spending the majority.

Amy Freymuth reported that not much has changed on the Federal budget. We continue to the lowest Area in the State. She has been meeting with ODFJS Asst. Director, Barger requesting more funds, application has been submitted for \$221,100.00.

All agreements have been signed and submitted to the State. MOU continues to pend waiting on 2 signatures.

Auglaize County OMJ Center Supervisor, Michelle Ewing presented a report on that Center. Michelle and her staff provided a PowerPoint presentation that captured services, outreach and community involvement with job fairs.

Chairman Radway adjourned the meeting at 4:02pm. Motion made by Tara Shepard, 2nd Nate Strange.

