ENTERPRISE ZONE
MACOMB • BUSHNELL

EZ MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
8:30AM • THURSDAY • JULY 16, 2026
1406 EAST CARROLL STREET • MACOMB, ILLINOIS

EZ Board Chairman Mike Inman convened the meeting at 8:30AM with the following board members present: Eric Blakeley, Chuck Laird, Dave Norton, and Mike Burkholder. Staff present: Zone Administrator Kim Pierce and Caitlin Brown.

Absent: John Vigezzi
Guest(s): Cesar Suarez, City of Macomb Community Development Director
Media Present: None

There was no public comment.

First on the agenda was the affirmation of the open McDonough County board seat. Blakely shared he has spoken with a couple individuals, but he is still working on finding the right person.

Approval of the April 16, 2026 board meeting minutes was next on the agenda. There were no comments and/or revisions.
BLAKELEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 16, 2026 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. BURKHOLDER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next was the treasury report. Zone Administrator Kim Pierce referred the board to their meeting packet and briefly reviewed the attached financial statements. She stated the June 2026 bank statement reconciled with their QuickBooks ledger reflecting an ending balance of $68,479.06 as of June 26, 2026. Revenue reported for 2Q/2026 was three months of interest earned from the checking account. No project application fees were generated. Pierce referred the board to the '2025 payable 2026 Economic Development Calculations' sheet in their packets. She said the County Clerk's office prepares and shares the report the calculations annually. This year's distributions will be approximately $9,350.01. The first property tax distribution was received in the amount of $4,686.02, however, it will appear on next month's statement. Finally, she reviewed the certificates of deposit summary sheet. Currently, they have four (4) CDs in various banks totaling $230,222.96. Overall, the total enterprise zone treasury is $298,702.02.
LAIRD MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURY REPORT AS PRESENTED. BLAKELEY SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Expenses for 2Q/2026 includes three months of telephone charges as well as mileage reimbursement to Pierce for the IEZA/ITIA Spring conference for a total reimbursement to MAEDCO totaling $466.44.
BLAKELEY MOVED TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT TO MAEDCO IN THE AMOUNT OF $466.44 FOR THE 2Q/2026 EXPENSES. LAIRD SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Governing unit updates were next on the agenda. **BUSHNELL:** No update, however Mayor Norton shared Los Charros will be opening in Bushnell. They have gone before council to obtain a liquor license. **MACOMB:** No update, but Suarez shared updates on several projects happening that are not located within the enterprise zone. Pierce shared that NTN Bower has reached out about a potential future solar project. **McDONOUGH COUNTY:** Blakeley had no update; however, he said the RWE wind farm will have turbines starting to be delivered next week with hopes to be turn-key by Christmas this year.

There being no further old or new business, Chairman Inman asked for a motion to adjourn.
LAIRD MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:50AM. BLAKELEY SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next quarterly management board meeting will be October 15, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Pierce, Zone Administrator