

Whiteside County 708 Board Meeting 1/20/26
at Cornerstone 815 West 23rd Street Sterling.

Attending Board Members: Shawn Dowd, Emily Witt, Jennifer Williams, Marcia Widolff.

Agencies Attending: (with updated emails)

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Winning Wheels: bdickman@sinningwheels.org

Self Help: aschwarz@self.helpagency.com

Whiteside County Health Department: kgood@whitesidehealth.org

Cornerstone: melissa.francque@cornerstonespecialcare.org

Melissa Francque and staff (Cornerstone) provided a tour of the beautiful new facility and pointed out items purchased with 708 monies from past grant allocations.

The 708 board meeting was called to order at 4:12 pm by Marcia Widolff, vice-chair.

There was no public comment.

The minutes from the 11/18/25 board meeting were approved with Shawn providing a motion and a second by Jennifer.

Tier system for grant allocation was discussed with no decision made for changes at this time.

The board discussed current funding application; decision to use last years' application form.

NEXT MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS:

March 17, 2026 4pm at Whiteside County Health Department 1300 West 2nd Street Rock Falls.

This meeting will be to determine agency presentation time for June meeting and to elect slate of officers.

June 30, 2026 at Self Help 2300 West LeFeVre rd Sterling 3:30 start time

This meeting will be assigned time for agency presentations.

July 28, 2026 4 pm at YWCA 412-1st Avenue Sterling

This meeting will be to discuss and allocate grant monies to agencies.

There was discussion regarding need for additional meetings outside of the original 4 meeting. Agencies and board discussed if the short meetings without agenda items were necessary.

Jennifer made a motion to adjourn meeting at 4:45pm; 2nd by Shawn.