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Electronic Voting Instructions

You can vote by Internet or telephone! Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Instead of mailing your proxy, you may choose one of the two voting methods outlined below to vote your proxy.

VALIDATION DETAILS ARE LOCATED BELOW IN THE TITLE BAR.

Proxies submitted by the Internet or telephone must be received by 1:00 a.m., Central Time, on April 30, 2008.



Vote by Internet

- Log on to the Internet and go to www.investorvote.com Follow the steps outlined on the secured website.



Vote by telephone

- Call toll free 1-800-652-VOTE (8683) within the United States, Canada & Puerto Rico any time on a touch tone telephone. There is NO CHARGE to you for the call. Follow the instructions provided by the recorded message.

Using a black ink pen, mark your votes with an X as shown in this example. Please do not write outside the designated areas.



Annual Meeting Proxy Card

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IF YOU HAVE NOT VOTED VIA THE INTERNET OR TELEPHONE, FOLD ALONG THE PERFORATION, DETACH AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

Election of Directors — The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the listed nominees.

1. Nominees: 01 - Kenneth R. Diepholz For Withhold 02 - Steven L. Grissom For Withhold 03 - Gary W. Melvin For Withhold

2. In their discretion, on such other matters that may properly come before the meeting and any adjournments thereof.

Non-Voting Items

Change of Address — Please print new address below.

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Meeting Attendance

Mark box to the right if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting.

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Authorized Signatures — This section must be completed for your vote to be counted. — Date and Sign Below

NOTE: Please sign your name(s) EXACTLY as your name(s) appear(s) on this proxy. All joint holders must sign. When signing as attorney, trustee, executor, administrator, guardian or corporate officer, please provide your FULL title.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy) — Please print date below.

Signature 1 — Please keep signature within the box.

Signature 2 — Please keep signature within the box.

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Proxy — FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANCSHARES, INC.

PROXY is Solicited By the Board of Directors For the Annual Meeting of Stockholders – April 30, 2008

The undersigned hereby appoints Michael L. Taylor, John W. Hedges and Laurel G. Allenbaugh, or any of them acting in the absence of the others, with full power of substitution, as attorneys and proxies, for and in the name and place of the undersigned, to vote the number of shares of Common Stock that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if then personally present and voting at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc., to be held in the lobby of the First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, 1515 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois, on April 30, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., local time, or any adjournments or postponements thereof, upon the matters set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement (receipt of which is hereby acknowledged) as designated on the reverse and, in their discretion, upon such other business as may come before the meeting.

THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS MADE. IF NO CHOICE IS INDICATED, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR THE ELECTION OF ALL NOMINEES LISTED HEREON.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

PLEASE VOTE YOUR SHARES BY COMPLETING, SIGNING, DATING AND RETURNING THIS PROXY CARD PROMPTLY USING THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.

(Continued and to be signed and dated on the reverse side.)