

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
(GREATER EGYPT)**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 12, 2017**

The Annual Meeting of the Commission convened on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 5:45 p.m. at the Black Diamond Harley-Davidson Event Center in Marion, Illinois.

Commission Members Present: Jason Ashmore (Franklin County); Craig Miles (Benton); Brandon Brown, Julie Peterson, John Rendleman (Jackson County); Steve Damron, Steve Draege, James Malone (Jefferson County); Jim Epplin, Josh Gross, Fred Kelly, Brian Otten (Perry County); Andrew Croessman (Du Quoin); Jim Marlo, Jeffery Robinson, Greg Smothers (Williamson County); Kathy Lively (Herrin).

Commission Members Absent: Cindy Humm, Neil Hargis, Stephen Leek, (Franklin County); Cate Dinn (West Frankfort); Robert Hopkins (Jackson County); Chris Wallace (Carbondale); Scott Wilmouth (Kinkaid -Reeds Creek Conservancy District) Cliff Lindemann (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Brent Gentry (Williamson County); Mark Kronos (City of Carterville); Robert Butler, Marion.

Staff Present: Cary M. Minnis, Executive Director, and Jenny Richardson, Administrator.

**Call to Order**

Ms. Peterson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was physically present. The proceedings of the meeting were recorded.

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission, Treasurer's Report, and List of Bills**

Motion was made by Mr. Damron and seconded by Mr. Robinson, approving the *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission* of November 14, 2017, as received. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Ashmore and seconded by Mr. Smothers accepting the Financial Report of November 30, 2017, as received. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Smothers and seconded by Mr. Robinson, authorizing the payment of expenditures over \$500 on the *List of Bills*, which includes the pedestrian study, as received. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

None

**Old Business - Administrative**

**Election of Officers**

The Nominating Committee met and recommended a slate of officers for 2018. The slate of officers was distributed to members present.

Motion was made by Mr. Ashmore and seconded by Mr. Malone to accept the slate of Commission Officers for 2018. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

The 2018 Officers are as follows:

- Chairperson – Steve Damron, Jefferson County
- First Vice-Chairman – Jeffery Robinson, Williamson County
- Second Vice-Chairman – Brian Otten, Perry County
- Third Vice-Chairman - Greg Smothers, Williamson County
- Fourth Vice-Chairman – Fred Kelly, Perry County
- Secretary – Julie Peterson, Jackson County
- Treasurer – Cindy Humm, Franklin County

Miscellaneous

None

**Old Business - Program**

Staff Program Report to the Commission

Motion was made by Mr. Malone and seconded by Mr. Damron accepting the *Staff Program Report to the Commission* of November, 2017, as received. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

**New Business - Administrative**

Indirect Cost Certification

The Certificate of Indirect Costs for Fiscal Year 2019 was distributed to members present. Mr. Minnis noted the rate of 25.504% for FY 2019 was established and needs to be submitted to the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for approval this month. He requested Commission approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Rendleman and seconded by Mr. Smothers to approve the Certification of Indirect Costs for FY 2019 and submit it to the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for approval. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

**New Business - Program**

None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Smothers to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**Handouts**

Memo re Slate of Officers  
Certification of Indirect Costs

*Copies of all background documents furnished to the Commission in connection with this meeting are on file in the office of Greater Egypt, Marion, Illinois.*

(keep for record – Cary did not want to send out to Commission) 12-12-2017 Annual Meeting

Present at Annual Dinner:

Commission Members: Jason Ashmore (Franklin County); Cate Dinn (West Frankfort); Brandon Brown, Julie Peterson, John and Andrea Rendleman, (Jackson County); Steve Damron, Steve and Cindy Draege, James & Joanna Malone (Jefferson County); Jim & Janice Epplin, Josh & Linda Gross, Fred & Edrye Kelly, Brian & Becky Otten (Perry County); Andrew Croessman & Chelsea Davis (Du Quoin); Jim Marlo; Jeffery Robinson, Greg & Linda Smothers (Williamson County); Robert Butler (Marion).

Others: Mike Beard, Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Steve Frattini, Herrin, Acting Mayor Anthony Rinella, Marion.

Those receiving Awards: General Cable, Du Quoin-Erik Perks, Jessica Morris, Jason Morris, Emily Bower; Boys and Girls Club, Carbondale-Tina Carpenter, Regina Glover, Michelle Brown, Mandy McKee, Diane Hood; Night Shield, West Frankfort-Sara Bond, Dr. Allen and Linda Patton, Lindsey Bullman.

Staff: Cary Minnis, Joe Zdankiewicz, Jenny Richardson, and Margie Mitchell.

The dinner was a joint meeting with Southern Illinois Workforce Development Board and the Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Cary Minnis, Greater Egypt and Kathy Lively, SIWDB welcomed all to the joint dinner meeting. Members of each Board were asked to stand and be recognized.

Dinner was served.

After dinner Kim Watson, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, was recognized.

Kathy Lively, Man-Tra-Con, and Cary Minnis, Greater Egypt, noted grants that had been received in the region. Both agencies worked together on programs to better the area.

Kathy Lively, Man-Tra-Con, recognized members for time served on their board and gave awards to several board members.

Cary Minnis, Greater Egypt, recognized members for time served (5 years or more) on the board.

A plaque was given to Mayor Robert Butler for serving 40 years on the Commission.

A plaque was given to Julie Peterson for serving as Commission Chair for 2015-2017.

The Commission presents annual awards each year at its annual dinner meeting. The Businesses/Industry Award recognizes an industry in the region which continues to contribute to the Region's progress and economic growth. This year General Cable, Du Quoin was chosen.

General Cable is a large manufacture of insulated power distribution cable located on Route 51 in Du Quoin and has been in business for 52 years. The Company has a huge indirect effect on the local economy. They spend hundreds of thousands of dollars at local machine shops, services and contractors.

The award was accepted by Erik Perk, Plant Manager. Mr. Perk thanked the Commission for the award and said it was interesting to learn about the Boards and what is available in Southern Illinois.

The Commission also presents Meritorious Service Award which was established as a means of recognizing an institution, organization or others for significant contributions and service to benefit the citizens or governments of the Greater Egypt Region and Southern Illinois. This year two organizations were selected.

One organization was the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale. The Boys and Girls Club provides after school and summer youth development programs at four sites in Carbondale. Since 2004 the Boys and Girls Club has continued to provide essential services to children in the Carbondale Community. They have given hundreds of children an opportunity to succeed over the years and continue to do so.

The award was accepted by Tina Carpenter, Executive Director. She thanked the Commission for the award and their interest in the Boys and Girls Club.

The second organization was the Night's Shield Children's Shelter in West Frankfort. The organization has been in operation since August 2009 Night's Shield is a children's shelter that provides a safe haven for children in crisis, especially sibling groups that have been abused, neglected and/or abandoned and provides encouragement for their growth and development. They have helped over 1200 children in 47 counties.

The award was accepted by Sara Bond, Board President, and Dr. Allen Patton, Board Member. Night's Shield gives children a chance for a successful future. They thanked the Commission for the award.

Ms. Lively thanked everyone for attending. A special thanks to the Workforce and Greater Egypt board members for attending meetings during the year.