

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 5, 2022**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair, Steve Damron, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Officers Present - Steve Damron (Chair, Jefferson County via Zoom); Jeffery Robinson (First Vice Chair, Williamson County); Brian Otten (Second Vice Chair, Perry County via Zoom); Julie Peterson (Third Vice Chair, Jackson County via Zoom); Fred Kelly (Fourth Vice Chair, Perry County via Zoom); Kathy Lively (Secretary, Herrin); Cindy Humm (Treasurer, Franklin County)

Officers Absent - None

Staff Present - Cary Minnis, Executive Director;

2. Executive Director Expenditure Authorization Threshold

A recommendation was made during the last Commission meeting that the Executive Committee revisit the Executive Director's expenditure authorization threshold. A discussion was held to determine the most appropriate threshold.

Motion made by Steve Damron and seconded by Jefferey Robinson to recommend to the Commission that the Executive Director's expenditure authorization be raised from \$500 to \$5,000. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. IMRF

Mr. Minnis discussed that over the last several months there have been conversations among staff about how to make careers at Greater Egypt more competitive. One of the ideas that was mentioned was joining the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Greater Egypt appears eligible to join. To obtain more detailed information on the cost to join the Commission would have to pay approximately \$850 to IMRF for them to have an actuarial cost study completed. After discussion the Executive Committee agreed to place this item on the Commission agenda for further discussion.

4. Greater Egypt Sign

Mr. Minnis stated that several board members mentioned that they had a difficult time finding the new office since we do not have a sign out front. It was suggested that we have a sign installed to help people find our new building. Since Man-Tra-Con was already looking at signs Mr. Minnis had their sign company do a sample for our sign to match theirs. A picture and estimated cost were shared. A window cling for the door was also discussed.

Motion made by Jeffrey Robinson and seconded by Fred Kelly to recommend the sign that was presented with the estimated cost being \$4,500. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Miscellaneous

Motion made by Steve Damron and seconded by Kathy Lively to recommend authorization for Executive Director to attend DRA LDD Training and Delta Summit in New Orleans on March 29-31, 2022. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion made by Kathy Lively and seconded by Julie Peterson to recommend authorization for Executive Director to attend the NADO Washington Conference March 13-16, 2022 in Arlington, VA. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Fred Kelly and seconded by Jeffrey Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

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.