

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 08, 2022**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair, Steve Damron, presided and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Quorum was established.

Members Present - Cindy Humm (Franklin County); Robert Hopkins, David Larkin, Julie Peterson, John S. Rendleman (Jackson County); Scott Wilmouth (Kinkaid-Reeds Conservancy District); Ryan Guthman (Murphysboro); Steve Damron, Steve Draege, Cliff Lindemann (Jefferson County); Bruce Morgenstern, Josh Gross, Fred Kelly, Brian Otten (Perry County); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Travis Emery, Jim Marlo, Mike Monchino, Jeffery Robinson (Williamson County); Mark Kronos (Carterville); Kathy Lively (Herrin); Keith Violett (ALG)

Members Absent - Neil Hargis, Joshua Qualls, Kevin Weston (Franklin County); Craig Miles (Benton); Chris Veteto (West Frankfort); Steven Mitchell (Carbondale); James Malone (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Ruth Hale (Du Quoin); Glenn Clarida (Marion)

Staff Present - Cary Minnis (Executive Director), Abra Phillips (Admin Asst & Bookkeeper).

2. Introduction of Guests

Cary Minnis introduced Sarah Kary, a partner from Rice/Sullivan, here to present the FY21 audit.

3. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Mike Monchino and seconded by Jim Marlo to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The following reports were accepted:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting - February 08, 2022
- b) Financial Report - February, 2022
- c) List of Bills - March 08, 2022
- d) Staff Report - February, 2022

4. Old Business

- a) Director of Transportation Planning - Cary Minnis announced that our new Director of Transportation Planning, Michael Ziarnik, started his employment with Greater Egypt on February 28, 2022 and discussed his background with those in attendance at tonight's meeting.

5. New Business

- a) Approval of the FY21 Audit - Sarah Kary from Rice/Sullivan gave an unmodified opinion of the FY21 audit. There were no findings or issues. Motion made by Jeffery Robinson and seconded by John Rendleman to approve the FY21 audit as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- b) Approval of the FY23 Indirect Cost Rate - Cary Minnis discussed our method of calculation and announced that our FY23 Indirect Cost Rate is 34.85%. Motion made by Kathy Lively and seconded by Fred Kelly to approve the FY23 Indirect Cost Rate as presented by Cary Minnis. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

c) Delta Regional Authority Grant Awards - Cary Minnis announced that out of the 8 DRA grants awarded in Illinois (total is just under 1.8 million), 5 are in the Greater Egypt Region, for a total of \$1,363,000. The 5 awarded grants are as follows:

1. City of Marion - grant to construct a new road and an extension of utilities
2. John A Logan College - grant to expand EMT & EMS Program
3. Pinckneyville Community Hospital - grant to purchase equipment as part of their hospital's expansion
4. Man-Tra-Con - grant to expand their Virtual Reality Training Program
5. City of Sesser - grant to replace the city's water main

Cary Minnis also announced that the state has announced that a new grant cycle for the State's Economic Development Program is open and they are accepting applications through June 5th, 2022 and urged members of eligible counties to submit their applications if they have any project ideas.

6. Matters from the Floor – None

7. Upcoming Meetings - Announced

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Jim Marlo and seconded by John Rendleman to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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