

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 4, 2022**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair, Steve Damron, presided and called the meeting to order at 12:00 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); Kathy Lively (Secretary, Herrin); Cindy Humm (Treasurer, Franklin County)

*Officers Absent* - Fred Kelly (Fourth Vice Chair, Perry County)

*Staff Present* - Cary Minnis, Executive Director;

**2. IMRF**

The Report of Cost of Participation in IMRF was discussed. The report states that the Commission's calendar year 2022 rate would be 7.10%. This rate is based on all of the current staff participating including one part-time employee who works a few hours more than 1,000 hours per year which would be the minimum to participate in the retirement plan. All but one of the employees would be considered tier 2. One employee would qualify under tier 1 based on prior employment. A 2022 IMRF rate webinar was held the day prior. During this meeting they discussed the funding levels for the pension plan overall and the anticipated next years rate. The IMRF pension plan is 98.8% funded which is among the highest in the country. They are anticipating that next year's rate will be lower, but then will start to rise again based on their projections. It was discussed that the pension plan appears to be a viable option and should be considered further including follow-up about part-time employee participation and schedule a presentation provided by IMRF staff.

**3. FY23 Budget**

Changes to staffing for FY23 were discussed. One water quality planner has resigned and the position will not be reposted at this time. EDA has provided an option to apply for an extension to the EDA CARES Act grant which would allow for the Commission to hire an Economic Development Director position again. The application for this extension has been submitted. Additional funding from DRA could be provided which would allow this position to be funded for several years. The draft budget will be presented to the Executive Committee again with the final approval planned for the June Commission meeting.

**8. Adjournment**

Motion made by Jeffrey Robinson and seconded by Cindy Humm to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 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.*