

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 8, 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); Brian Otten (Second Vice Chair, (Perry County via Zoom); Julie Peterson (Third Vice Chair, Jackson County via Zoom); Cindy Humm (Treasurer, Franklin County)

Officers Absent - Fred Kelly (Fourth Vice Chair, Perry County); Jeffery Robinson (First Vice Chair, Williamson County); Kathy Lively (Secretary, Herrin);

Staff Present - Cary Minnis, Executive Director;

2. FY23 Budget

The final draft of the FY23 budget was reviewed. Only minor changes were made since last presented to the executive committee. This version includes a facility budget in addition to the program budget. An extension of the EDA Cares Act grant was approved and is reflected in the budget.

Motion made by Julie Peterson and seconded by Cindy Humm to recommend approval of the draft FY23 budget to the Commission. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. IMRF

A response from IMRF about eligibility of part-time employees was discussed. IMRF stated that if an employee is not in an IMRF qualifying position on the effective date of the program they would not be enrolled in the plan and would not be eligible for prior service. To be ineligible, they must remain under the hourly standard moving forward.

We can move forward with the cost study that we have been provided by IMRF or pay to have a new cost study done excluding ineligible part-time employees. If we move forward with the cost study already provided the rate will eventually be trued up to reflect actual participation in IMRF.

Motion made by Cindy Humm and seconded by Brian Otten to move this item to the full Commission for discussion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Juneteenth Holiday

Juneteenth was made an official State and Federal Holiday in 2021. Motion made by Julie Peterson and seconded by Brian Otten to recommend adding the Juneteenth Holiday to the list of approved Holidays observed by Greater Egypt. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. Miscellaneous

Mr. Minnis let the Executive Committee know that the SAM.gov registration for Greater Egypt is likely going to expire before it can be renewed. This issue was caused by the transition of SAM.gov to a new procedure for validating entities. Greater Egypt's current registration cannot be validated due to an issue within SAM.gov's new system. A request to fix the issue has been submitted. These requests are taking a month to be looked at. The first one was closed without fixing the issue so a second request had to be made. If the request is addressed correctly, we should only experience a short time of being expired. Being expired will prevent us from receiving any funds or grants from the state or federal programs.

Mr. Minnis also mentioned the Southern Illinois Airport's open house that was held on June 3rd. Greater Egypt was recognized for their assistance in completing many of the major developments that have led to several new employers locating to the airport campus. A particularly exciting announcement was made at the event. Crucial MRO signed an agreement with SIAA to construct two additional hangars totaling 110,000 sf at a cost of \$26 million. When completed and fully operational Crucial MRO expects to have over 600 employees on the airport campus with an average wage between \$35-\$40 per hour.

6. Adjournment

Motion made by Julie Peterson and seconded by Cindy Humm to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 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.