

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 12, 2022**

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

Steve Damron, Chairperson, presided and called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A roll call was done and quorum was established.

*Members Present* – Cindy Humm, Kevin Weston (Franklin County); Robert Hopkins, David Larkin, Julie Peterson, John S. Rendleman (Jackson County); Ryan Guthman (Murphysboro); Steve Damron, Cliff Lindemann (Jefferson County); Josh Gross, Brian Otten (Perry County); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Travis Emery, Jim Marlo, Alex Simpson, Jeffery Robinson (Williamson County); Kathy Lively (Herrin); Glenn Clarida (Marion); Keith Violet (ALG)

*Members Absent* - Neil Hargis, Joshua Qualls (Franklin County); Craig Miles (Benton); Chris Veteto (West Frankfort); Steven Mitchell (Carbondale); Scott Wilmoth (Kinkaid-Reeds Conservancy District); Steve Draege, James Malone (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Bruce Morgenstern, Fred Kelly (Perry County); Ruth Hale (Du Quoin); Mark T. Kronos (Carterville)

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

**2. Recognition of Visitors**

Jody Shaw and Tom Cissell from Oates Associates were present for tonight's meeting.

**3. Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Travis Emery 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 – June 14, 2022
- b) Minutes of the Special Meeting – June 29, 2022
- c) Financial Report - June, 2022
- d) List of Bills – July 12, 2022
- e) Staff Report - June, 2022

**4. Old Business**

- a) Miscellaneous - None

**5. New Business**

a) Resolution for Participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund – IMRF requires a 2/3 vote (22 votes) to pass this resolution so it can't be voted on tonight. A discussion was had about having a special meeting later this month to try and pass the IMRF participation resolution. Motion made by Jim Marlo and seconded by Jeffery Robinson to table the discussion until a special meeting can be scheduled. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

b) Selection of Consultant for Greater Egypt's Regional Safety Study for Rural Municipalities – Cary Minnis announced that the selection committees voted to select *Bacon Farmers Workman* for this study at an amount not to

exceed \$100,000. Motion made by Kathy Lively and seconded by John Rendleman to approve the selection. Motion carried by unanimous vote

c) Selection of Consultant for SIMPO's Bikeway Map and Routes Study – Both SIMPO committees voted to select *Bacon Farmers Workman* for this study as well, contract not to exceed \$60,000. Motion made by Jeffery Robinson and seconded by Alex Simpson to approve the selection. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

d) Selection of Consultant for SIMPO's East Grand Avenue Bike, Pedestrian, and Motor Vehicle Traffic Study - *Oates Associates* received the votes from both SIMPO committees to be selected for this study, contract not to exceed \$50,000. Motion made by John Rendleman and seconded by Cliff Lindemann to approve SIMPO's consultant selection for this study. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

e) Selection of Consultant for SIMPO's Electric Vehicle Charging Station Needs Study – Both SIMPO committees voted to select *Walker Consulting Group* for this study, contract not to exceed \$60,000. Motion made by Cindy Humm and seconded by Ryan Guthman to approve the selection for this study. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

f) Greater Egypt Long Range Transportation Plan (<https://www.i5group-portal.com/greateregypt-home>) – Cary Minnis announced that the Lochmueller Group has completed the work with this plan and the final reports are linked up to our website (see above link). The main goal of this plan is to try to become a Rural Transportation Planning Organization, and creating the Long-Range Transportation Plan is one of the main steps to get us there. Motion made by Kevin Weston and seconded by Robert Spencer to accept the Greater Egypt Long Range Transportation Plan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

g) Miscellaneous – Cary Minnis announced that EDA funded a nearly 1-million-dollar grant to the City of Carbondale for their reconstruction of the road in their industrial area. It is unique due to being funded at 90%, which is unheard of.

#### **6. Matters from the Floor - none**

#### **7. Upcoming Meetings**

Executive Committee – July 27, 2022

Regular Meeting – August 9, 2022

#### **8. Adjournment**

Motion made by Robert Hopkins and seconded by Alex Simpson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 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.*