

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
July 19, 2022**

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

Steve Damron, Chairperson, presided and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A roll call was done and quorum was established.

*Members Present* – Neil Hargis, Cindy Humm, Joshua Qualls, Kevin Weston (Franklin County); Robert Hopkins, David Larkin, Julie Peterson, John S. Rendleman (Jackson County); Scott Wilmouth (Kinkaid-Reeds Conservancy District); Ryan Guthman (Murphysboro); Steve Damron, Cliff Lindemann (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Bruce Morgenstern, Fred Kelly, Brian Otten (Perry County); Ruth Hale (DuQuoin); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Travis Emery, Jim Marlo, Alex Simpson, Jeffery Robinson (Williamson County); Mark Kronos (Carterville); Kathy Lively (Herrin); Glenn Clarida (Marion); Keith Violett (ALG)

*Members Absent* - Craig Miles (Benton); Chris Veteto (West Frankfort); Steven Mitchell (Carbondale); Steve Draege, James Malone (Jefferson County); Josh Gross (Perry County)

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

**2. Recognition of Visitors - None**

**3. IMRF Resolution**

Keith Violett inquired about the 2/3 (22 votes) vote requirement and Cary Minnis explained that it is a rule of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund in order for a participant to join. Motion made by Jeffery Robinson and seconded by Glenn Clarida to approve the IMRF participation resolution. Results of the roll call vote are as follows:

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| • Neil Hargis – Yes        | • Bruce Morgenstern – Yes |
| • Cindy Humm – Yes         | • Fred Kelly – No         |
| • Joshua Qualls – Yes      | • Brian Otten – Yes       |
| • Kevin Weston – Yes       | • Ruth Hale- Yes          |
| • Robert Hopkins – Yes     | • Robert Spencer – Yes    |
| • David Larkin – Yes       | • Travis Emery – Yes      |
| • Julie Peterson – Yes     | • Jim Marlo – Yes         |
| • John Rendleman – Yes     | • Alexander Simpson – Yes |
| • Scott Wilmouth – Yes     | • Jeffery Robinson – Yes  |
| • Ryan Guthman – Yes       | • Mark Kronos – Yes       |
| • Steve Damron – Yes       | • Kathy Lively – Yes      |
| • Cliff Lindemann – Yes    | • Glenn Clarida – Yes     |
| • Mary Ellen Bechtel – Yes | • Keith Violett - Yes     |

Motion carried to approve Greater Egypt’s Participation in IMRF with 25 yes votes out of 26 total votes.

**4. Miscellaneous**

- Cary Minnis asked how everyone felt about planning a joint annual dinner with the Southern Illinois Workforce Development Board. All members present seemed to be in favor.

- Cary Minnis announced that EDA just announced a \$4.2 million grant to John A Logan College to expand their Career and Technical Center, they will be specifically concentrating on expanding their heating and air technical center, auto collision technical center, auto services technical center, and their welding center.

## **5. Adjournment**

Motion made by Alex Simpson and seconded by Jeffery Robinson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:11 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.*