

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 28, 2022**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Steve Damron, Chairperson, presided and called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. A roll call was taken.

Officers Present - Steve Damron (Chairperson, Jefferson County); Jeffery Robinson (First Vice Chairperson, Williamson County); Brian Otten (Second Vice Chairperson, Perry County); Julie Peterson (Third Vice Chairperson, Jackson County); Fred Kelly, (Fourth Vice Chairperson, Perry County); Kathy Lively, (Secretary, Herrin)

Officers Absent – Cindy Humm (Treasurer, Franklin County)

Staff Present - Cary Minnis (Executive Director); Abra Phillips (Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper)

2. Retirement Program

Cary Minnis explained that Thomas Barrett from NERT sent us a letter regarding an update to our retirement program and it needs to be signed and approved by July 31, 2022. We are required to update and restate our plan in order to remain compliant with a qualified plan and it will cost us \$800 to do so. This will help to ensure that we can use our vested amounts to buy back service years when we switch to IMRF in September. Cary Minnis also mentioned that we will need to ask them to update our address as well.

Motion made by Kathy Lively and seconded by Julie Peterson to approve the retirement plan as presented with the address amended to our current address. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Miscellaneous

- The GERPDC INC Property Tax Exemption was approved and sent to Jeffery Robinson for review.
- We received the IRS determination letter for our not-for-profit classification, but it looks like they may have approved it as a 501C-4 but in the letter, it mentions the 501C-25 as a subsidiary, so Cary Minnis sent it to our lawyer for further interpretation.
- EDA approved our final 3-year planning grant that we submitted to them. They also approved a grant for John A Logan College in the amount of \$4.5 million, and one for Watermark Auto Group for around \$3 million.

4. Adjournment

Motion made by Jeffery Robinson and seconded by Julie Peterson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.