

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 09, 2022**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Steve Damron, Chairperson, presided and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A roll call was done and quorum was established.

Members Present – Cindy Humm, Joshua Qualls (Franklin County); Robert Hopkins, Julie Peterson (Jackson County); Steven Mitchell (Carbondale); Scott Wilmouth (Kinkaid-Reeds Creek Conservancy District); Steve Damron, Steve Draege, Cliff Lindemann (Jefferson County); Bruce Morgenstern, Fred Kelly (Perry County); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Travis Emery, Jim Marlo, Alex Simpson, Jeffery Robinson (Williamson County); Mark Kronos (Carterville); Kathy Lively (Herrin); Keith Violett (ALG)

Members Absent - Neil Hargis, Kevin Weston (Franklin County); Craig Miles (Benton); Chris Veteto (West Frankfort); David Larkin, John Rendleman (Jackson County); Ryan Guthman (Murphysboro); James Malone (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Josh Gross, Brian Otten (Perry County); Ruth Hale (Du Quoin); Glenn Clarida (Marion)

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

2. Recognition of Visitors - None

3. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Alex Simpson and seconded by Fred Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The following reports were accepted:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – July 12, 2022
- b) Minutes of the Special Meeting – July 19, 2022
- c) Financial Report - July, 2022
- d) List of Bills – August 09, 2022
- e) Staff Report - July, 2022

4. Old Business

a) Miscellaneous – Cary Minnis announced that EDA awarded \$3.1 million to Watermark Auto Group Foundation for the build out of the Ethos Business Incubator. They've purchased the Citadel building on the square and this will allow them to renovate the top three floors. EDA has also awarded our \$210,000 planning grant that we get every three years. The total amount invested in the Greater Egypt area by EDA is \$13,400,000 (through 5 different projects). The grand total to date through all of the EDA grants we've helped write/administer, is at \$16.6 million.

Cary Minnis also announced that Greater Egypt has received approval of our Property Tax Exemption, and the GERPDC INC Application for tax exempt status has been approved, but he is unsure if they gave us the correct classification, so that's being looked into.

5. New Business

- a) Updates of Certificates of Deposit – we have the following CD's that we are rolling over with Legence Bank at a rate of 1.55% for one year.

- EDA Planning Grant Reserve: \$110,000 & \$100,000
- Stabilization Agreement (fund balance policy): \$50,000
- USDA Reserve (for the bldg. loan): \$113,148

The resolution from the bank needs to be approved (with an amended address and title updates) and needs signatures. Cary Minnis also noted that the date of the meeting on the resolution is incorrect and should be August 9, 2022. Motion made by Mark Kroner and seconded by Kathy Lively to approve the CD resolution with the corrections as noted above. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Miscellaneous – New ITEP Application Opportunity – Cary Minnis outlined a new opportunity that Joe Zdankiewicz (former Director of Transportation Planning at Greater Egypt) would like for us to participate in. Joe Zdankiewicz is working at Clarida Zeigler on Phase 1 Design to extend/complete the Crab Orchard Greenway. Clarida Zeigler had two grants that they applied for and were awarded, with funding at 100%. Cary Minnis would like some feedback about whether or not we're interested in participating. Joe would like to get 3 applicants together for \$3 million per application. We would be a pass through for the grant money and it would come in the form of an intergovernmental agreement. All members present seem interested and would like more information. Travis Emery and Joe Zdankiewicz will be putting together a presentation for our next meeting.

Cary Minnis announced that ITEP is out and urged members to notify their communities. There have been some changes, one being that the grant ceiling is \$3 million (applicants can ask for more). He also noted that the match can be waived if your area meets the requirements as a disadvantaged community. The third change is that an MPO is an eligible applicant.

6. Matters from the Floor

Kathy Lively announced that Crosswalk is having their annual dinner on December 6, 2022 and suggested that we schedule ours for December 13, 2022. She also noted that Cary Minnis should be commended for bringing \$13 million into our communities through EDA grants.

7. Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee – August 31, 2022
Regular Meeting – September 13, 2022

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Jeffery Robinson and seconded by Robert Hopkins to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 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.