

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 13, 2022**

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

Brian Otten, Second Vice-Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A roll call was done and quorum was established.

*Members Present* – Kevin Weston (Franklin County); Robert Hopkins, David Larkin, Julie Peterson, John Rendleman (Jackson County); Scott Wilmouth (Kinkaid-Reeds Creek Conservancy District); Ryan Guthman (Murphysboro); Cliff Lindemann (Jefferson County); Bruce Morgenstern, Fred Kelly, Brian Otten (Perry County); Travis Emery, Jim Marlo, Alex Simpson (Williamson County); Mark Kroner (Carterville); Keith Violett (ALG)

*Members Absent* - Neil Hargis, Cindy Humm, Joshua Qualls (Franklin County); Craig Miles (Benton); Chris Veteto (West Frankfort); Steven Mitchell (Carbondale); Steve Damron, Steve Draege, James Malone (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Josh Gross (Perry County); Ruth Hale (Du Quoin); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Jeffery Robinson (Williamson County); Kathy Lively (Herrin); 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 Jim Marlo and seconded by John Rendleman to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The following reports were accepted:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – August 9, 2022
- b) Minutes of the Executive Meeting – September 7, 2022
- c) Financial Report - August, 2022
- d) List of Bills – None (no bills over \$5000)
- e) Staff Report - August, 2022

**4. Old Business - None**

**5. New Business**

a) Approval of Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 as IMRF Earnings (Pre-Tax Payroll Deductions for Group Health Spouse and Dependent Coverage): Cary Minnis explained that this resolution will ensure that any payroll deductions for dependent health coverage will be included as earnings for IMRF contributions. We were already doing this for our NERT contributions, so we are simply keeping it the same.

Motion made by Julie Peterson and seconded by David Larkin to approve the resolution to include compensation deducted to pay for spouse and dependent health coverage as IMRF earnings. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Resolution to Include Cash Payments Related to Health Insurance as IMRF Earnings: This resolution will ensure that Cash Payments in Lieu of Health Coverage (paid monthly) will be included as IMRF Earnings. There is no real change as we were already doing this for NERT.

Motion made by Cliff Lindemann and seconded by Robert Hopkins to approve the resolution to include cash payments in lieu of health coverage as IMRF earnings. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Miscellaneous – Annual Dinner Awards Nomination: Cary Minnis referred members to the email from Margie Mitchell and urged them to have their nominations back by October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 so that selections can be made at next month's meeting. The categories are as follows:

- 1) **Business/Industry Award** – established to recognize a firm's outstanding contributions to the Region's progress and economic growth.
- 2) **Meritorious Service Award** – established as a means of recognizing an institution, organization, or others for significant contributions and service to benefit the citizens and governments of the Greater Egypt Region and Southern Illinois.

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

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

Executive Committee – September 28, 2022

Regular Meeting – October 11, 2022

#### **8. Adjournment**

Motion made by Alex Simpson and seconded by Travis Emery to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:33 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.*