

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Steve Damron, Chair, 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); Chris Veteto (West Frankfort); Julie Peterson (Jackson County); Steven Mitchell (Carbondale); Ryan Guthman (Murphysboro); Steve Damron, Cliff Lindemann (Jefferson County); Fred Kelly (Perry County); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Alexander Simpson, Jeffery Robinson (Williamson County); Kathy Lively (Herrin); Keith Violett (ALG)

Members Absent - Neil Hargis, Joshua Qualls, (Franklin County); Craig Miles (Benton); Robert Hopkins, David Larkin, John Rendleman (Jackson County); Scott Wilmoth (Kinkaid-Reeds Conservancy District); Steve Draege, James Malone (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Bruce Morgenstern, Josh Gross, Brian Otten (Perry County); Ruth Hale (Du Quoin); Travis Emery, Jim Marlo (Williamson County); Mark Kronos (Carterville); 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 Kathy Lively and seconded by Jeffery Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The following reports were accepted:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – October 11, 2022
- b) Financial Report - October, 2022
- c) List of Bills – November 09, 2022
- d) Staff Report - October, 2022

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

a) Update Policy Manual Section 7.6 Group Life Insurance & Cancel Life Insurance Benefit with Dearborn to be replaced by IMRF's Death Benefit – Cary Minnis explained that we currently pay around \$138 per year for each employee with Dearborn's \$25K Life Insurance policy. IMRF has a death benefit available that is already built into the employer's cost and will actually exceed the \$25K. Greater Egypt would like to cancel the coverage with Dearborn which will save us around \$1,000 per year.

Motion made by Jeff Robinson and seconded by Steven Mitchell to drop Dearborn's coverage and go with IMRF and to amend the language in the benefit package to reflect the change. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Certificate of Resolutions of GERPDC NERT Pension Plan – Our group plan with NERT officially ended on August 31, 2022. We need to pass resolutions to officially terminate the plan so that staff can buy their prior service years with the pre-tax portion (Employer's 7% contribution) and move or cash out the remainder.

Motion made by Alex Simpson and seconded by Kathy Lively to approve the resolutions as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Appoint Nominating Committee – Cary Minnis explained that we need at least one volunteer from each county for the nominating committee. The committee will need to meet prior to the Annual meeting on December 13, 2022. Volunteers are as follows:

Franklin County – Kevin Weston
Jackson County – Julie Peterson
Jefferson County – Steve Damron
Perry County – Brian Otten
Williamson County – Kathy Lively

Motion made by Cliff Lindemann and seconded by Robert Spencer to approve the nominating committee as listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

d) Miscellaneous – Cary Minnis announced that the DCEO Community Navigator program is on pause for now, they plan to revise the budget and extend the Navigator program. The guidebook for CDBG applications is on the website, but applications can't be submitted until the Notice of Funding is out. Applications will be due in January.

Kathy Lively and Cary Minnis met with a sound crew to remedy issues with being able to hear people properly in the conference room. It will be around 7K for the system and Cary Minnis has discussed using money from our MPO that was reserved for a plotter that we don't plan to buy (we don't use it enough to justify replacing it) with IDOT.

6. Matters from the Floor

Julie Peterson referred to the staff report and asked about the Wildfire Prevention Planning with the Williamson County Fire Prevention District. Cary Minnis explained that the Environmental staff is branching out from Water Quality planning. Julie mentioned that she would like to see something like that for Jackson County as well.

7. Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee – November 30, 2022

Regular Meeting – December 13, 2022 – this is the annual dinner at Kokopelli and the group reception starts at 5 pm. Official invitations will be sent out soon.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Jeffery Robinson and seconded by Steven Mitchell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 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.