

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2023**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jeffery Robinson, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was done and quorum was established.

Members Present – Cindy Humm, Kevin Weston (Franklin County); Julie Peterson, John Rendleman (Jackson County); Ryan Guthman (Murphysboro); Steve Damron, Cliff Lindemann, James Malone (Jefferson County); Fred Kelly (Perry County); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Travis Emery, Tim Atkisson, Alexander Simpson, Jeffery Robinson (Williamson County); Mark Kronos (Carterville); Kathy Lively (Herrin); Keith Violett (ALG)

Members Absent - Neil Hargis, Joshua Qualls, (Franklin County); Craig Miles (Benton); Chris Veteto (West Frankfort); Robert Hopkins, David Larkin (Jackson County); Steven Mitchell (Carbondale); Scott Wilmouth (Kinkaid-Reeds Conservancy District); Steve Draege (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Bruce Morgenstern, 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 - Jennifer Martin (Perry County)

3. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Travis Emery and seconded by Kevin Weston to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The following reports were accepted:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – December 13, 2022
- b) Financial Report - December, 2022
- c) List of Bills – January 10, 2023
- d) Staff Report - December, 2022

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

- a) 2020 Census Urban/Rural Classifications – Cary Minnis announced that the census has been updated and there has been a change in the delineation of urban/rural areas. This has resulted in Carbondale and Marion being split and no longer considered an urban area due to both areas having a population under 50K. This will likely disband SIMPO and the Transit budget will lose around \$2 million. FY-2024 will possibly be the final year for SIMPO but the budget for that year will be around \$415K.
- b) Mass Mutual Certificate of Corporate Resolution to Surrender Life Insurance Policies – Cary Minnis explained that part of switching to IMRF means transferring all of our NERT assets. One staff member is currently still on 4 Mass Mutual Term Life Policies and 1 Prudential Term Life Policy that are owned by the Commission on behalf of participants (grandfathered in when we switched to NERT). We need to

update the Certificate of Corporate Resolutions so that we can surrender the policies and cash them out. Cary Minnis also noted that Greater Egypt does not contribute to the policies and the staff member makes the premium payments.

A motion was made by Kathy Lively and seconded by Cliff Lindemann to approve updating the Certificate of Corporate Resolution to surrender and cash out the policies. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- c) Miscellaneous – Cary Minnis asked for members’ thoughts on the Annual Dinner about things we should or shouldn’t do for future annual dinners/meetings and notified all that the workforce board is considering not doing this event next year. Julie Peterson enjoyed the event and doesn’t think any changes are necessary. Jeffery Robinson agreed with Ms. Lively that the food and location were good. John Rendleman inquired about adding some music/entertainment.

6. Matters from the Floor

John Rendleman asked if anyone had any news or thoughts on the Farmer Workers Act. Kathy Lively agreed to do some research so this can be discussed at next month’s meeting.

7. Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee – January 25, 2023

Regular Meeting – February 14, 2023

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Travis Emery and seconded by Alex Simpson 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.