

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2023**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jeffery Robinson, Chair, 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, Kevin Weston (Franklin County); David Larkin, Julie Peterson, John Rendleman (Jackson County); Scott Wilmouth (Kinkaid-Reeds Creek Conservancy District); Steve Damron, Steve Draege, Cliff Lindemann, (Jefferson County); Bruce Morgenstern, Fred Kelly, Brian Otten (Perry County); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Alexander Simpson, Jeffery Robinson (Williamson County); Kathy Lively (Herrin); Jason Ashmore (ALG)

Members Absent - Neil Hargis, Joshua Qualls, (Franklin County); Craig Miles (Benton); Chris Veteto (West Frankfort); Keith Thomason (Rend Lake Conservancy District); Steven Mitchell (Carbondale); Ryan Guthman (Murphysboro); James Malone (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Josh Gross (Perry County); Ruth Hale (Du Quoin); Travis Emery, Timothy Atkisson (Williamson County); Mark Kronos (Carterville); Glenn Clarida (Marion)

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

2. Recognition of Visitors – Lee Messersmith (City of Benton)

3. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steve Damron and seconded by Alexander Simpson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The following reports were accepted:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – January 10, 2023
- b) Financial Report - January, 2023
- c) List of Bills – February 14, 2023
- d) Staff Report - January, 2023

4. Old Business

- a) Cary Minnis discussed the correction that was made to our IRS status for GERPDC INC. Last year we got a 501C-4 determination by error and we have recently received the letter with the corrected update to 501C-25.

5. New Business

- a) Illinois Basin Funding Review – Cary Minnis announced that this review will be held in the Greater Egypt Conference Room on March 7-8, 2023, and explained that it will be a shark-tank style project pitch on the 7th and an opportunity to learn about different funding programs on the 8th. February 17, 2023 is the deadline for any applications that wish to be considered for the presentation. More information is included in today's packet.

- b) IDOT Statewide Planning and Research - Cary Minnis anticipates that SPR funding opportunities will open up either later this month or early March. Mr. Minnis asked about planning needs within members' communities and urged all to email or call him with any project ideas. Greater Egypt is planning to apply and would like to include community specific projects.
- c) Miscellaneous –
- May 11, 2023 is the last day for Zoom meetings without having an in person quorum.
 - Cary Minnis will reach out to Doug Keirn to attend March's regular Commission meeting for an overview of District 9's program.
 - DRA will be opening up their funding cycle soon and Cary Minnis urged members to reach out with any ideas. Kevin Weston has an idea for DRA related funding at Rend Lake College and will call Cary Minnis to discuss further

6. Matters from the Floor

Cary Minnis announced that he and our Economic Development Director, Ken Stoner, will be traveling to Memphis for DRA training within the next couple of days.

7. Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee – February 22, 2023

Regular Meeting – March 14, 2023

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Jason Ashmore and seconded by David Larkin to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 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.