

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Kathy Lively, Vice-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); Craig Miles (Benton); Chris Veteto (West Frankfort); David Larkin, 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); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Travis Emery, Timothy Atkisson, Alexander Simpson (Williamson County); Kathy Lively (Herrin); Glenn Clarida (Marion); Jason Ashmore (ALG)

Members Absent - Neil Hargis, Joshua Qualls, (Franklin County); Keith Thomason (Rend Lake Conservancy District); Julie Peterson (Jackson County); Steven Mitchell (Carbondale); Steve Damron, Steve Draege, James Malone (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Josh Gross (Perry County); Ruth Hale (Du Quoin); Jeffery Robinson (Williamson County); Mark Kronos (Carterville)

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

2. Recognition of Visitors – Sarah Kary (Rice Sullivan), Doug Keirn (IDOT), Lee Messersmith (City of Benton)

3. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Cindy Humm and seconded by Timothy Atkisson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The following reports were accepted:

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

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

- a) FY 2022 Commission Audit - Sarah Kary from Rice Sullivan presented the FY2022 audit. The audit went well and the auditors have distributed an unmodified opinion. They found no deficiencies within our internal controls. Due to our federal funding exceeding the threshold, we were also required to have a single audit done and received an unmodified opinion on that as well.

A motion was made by Jason Ashmore and seconded by John Rendleman to approve the audit as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- b) IDOT Presentation - Doug Keirn from IDOT gave a power point presentation on the District 9 State projects that are scheduled for FY2023 – FY2028 multiyear program with a concentration on greater Egypt's 5 counties.
- c) Selection of the Consultant for the Benton/Mt. Vernon Bicycle Master Plan – Cary Minnis explained that this project is expected to not exceed \$120K and is being paid for with an IDOT SPR grant that we received. Out of 5 submissions, The i5 Group was chosen for this project and they anticipate having work completed by March 30.

A motion was made by Travis Emery and seconded by Craig Miles to approve selection of The i5 Group for this project. The motion carried unanimously.
- d) Delta Regional Authority – Cary Minnis announced that the Notice of Funding for DRA is not out yet as anticipated.
- e) Miscellaneous – Cary Minnis discussed the interagency work group event that we hosted on March 7th & 8th. It turned out really well and there were 14 presenters on the first day. On the second day, there were several federal agencies giving out information about available projects. We had a very full building and parking lot and received several compliments about the building.

6. Matters from the Floor - None

7. Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee – March 29, 2023
Regular Meeting – April 11, 2023

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Alexander Simpson and seconded by John Rendleman to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 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.