

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
June 13, 2023**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Julie Peterson, 3rd 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 – David Larkin, Julie Peterson (Jackson County); Steve Damron (Jefferson County); Fred Kelly (Perry County); Robert Spencer (Pinckneyville); Timothy Atkisson, Alexander Simpson (Williamson County)

Members Absent - Neil Hargis, Cindy Humm, Joshua Qualls, Kevin Weston (Franklin County); Craig Miles (Benton); Chris Veteto (West Frankfort); Keith Thomason (Rend Lake Conservancy District); John Rendleman (Jackson County); Steven Mitchell (Carbondale); Scott Wilmouth (Kinkaid-Reeds Creek Conservancy District); Ryan Guthman (Murphysboro); Steve Draege, Cliff Lindemann, James Malone (Jefferson County); Mary Ellen Bechtel (Mt. Vernon); Bruce Morgenstern, Josh Gross, Brian Otten (Perry County); Ruth Hale (Du Quoin); Travis Emery, Jeffery Robinson (Williamson County); Mark Kronos (Carterville); Kathy Lively (Herrin); Glenn Clarida (Marion); Jason Ashmore (ALG)

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

2. Recognition of Visitors – None

3. Consent Agenda

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

The following reports were accepted:

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting – May 9, 2023
- b) Financial Report - May, 2023
- c) List of Bills – June 13, 2023
- d) Staff Report - May, 2023

4. Old Business

- a) Building Maintenance/Repairs - Cary Minnis announced that the contractors came by two days ago and replaced the siding on the front of the building. They had initially installed a bad batch and some pieces were faded. There are still a couple of minor things left to be completed and we anticipate that those will be taken care of soon as well.

5. New Business

- a) Local Share for FY2024 – Cary Minnis went over the amounts for the local shares (included in the packet) and explained that the rates have not changed since last year, and the amounts are based on the population numbers from 2020. Per capita for Counties and Municipalities is .27; Conservancy Districts is .07; and Assembly of Local Governments a fee of \$150.00 (Municipalities under 5,000 population and Special Government Units other than Conservancy Districts).

A motion was made by Robert Spencer and seconded by David Larkin to approve the Local Share for FY2024. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

b) DRA Grants – Cary Minnis reminded everyone that the DRA grants are still open and encouraged members to contact him with any ideas/projects related to the following 3 grant programs:

1. State’s Economic Development Assistance Program – 1 week left to apply
2. Community Infrastructure Fund – ongoing basis
3. Strategic Planning Grant – up to \$150K – ongoing basis

6. Matters from the Floor - None

7. Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee – June 28, 2023

Regular Meeting – July 11, 2023

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Alexander Simpson and seconded by Fred Kelly to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 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.