

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING
June 11, 2024**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jeffery Robinson, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was done, and a simple majority quorum was established. Three new members were introduced today:

1. Gary Williams – Rend Lake Conservancy District
2. Greg Legan – Kinkaid Reeds Creek Conservancy District
3. Duncan Britton – Perry County

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Represents</u>
Liz Allen	Franklin County
Gary Williams	Rend Lake Conservancy District
David Larkin	Jackson County
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Cody Lueker	Carbondale
Greg Legan	Kinkaid-Reeds Creek Conservancy District
Ryan Guthman	Murphysboro
Cliff Lindemann	Jefferson County
Bruce Morgenstern	Perry County
Duncan Britton	Perry County
Robert Spencer	Pinckneyville
Timothy Atkisson	Williamson County
Alexander Simpson	Williamson County
Jeffery Robinson	Williamson County
Mark Kroner	Carterville

Members Absent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Represents</u>
Neil Hargis	Franklin County
Cindy Humm	Franklin County
Kevin Weston	Franklin County
Lee Messersmith	Benton
Chris Veteto	West Frankfort
John Rendleman	Jackson County
Steve Damron	Jefferson County
Steve Draege	Jefferson County
Fisher Overstreet	Jefferson County
Mary Ellen Bechtel	Mt. Vernon
Josh Gross	Perry County
Brian Otten	Perry County
Ruth Hale	Du Quoin
Travis Emery	Williamson County
Kathy Lively	Herrin
Glenn Clarida	Marion
Jason Ashmore	ALG

Staff Present - Cary Minnis (Executive Director), Abra Phillips (Administrator)

2. Recognition of Visitors

Ron Kiser – Guest of Julie Peterson

3. Consent Agenda

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

The following reports were accepted:

- a) Minutes – April 9, 2024
- b) Financial Report – April & May 2024
- c) List of Bills – August 13, 2024
- d) Staff Report – July 2024

4. New Business

a) Local Share for FY25

Cary referred to the Local Share list in today’s packet. The amounts have not changed since last year and are based on population. The last count was done in 2020.

A motion was made by Mark Krones and seconded by Gary Williams to approve the FY Local Share amounts as listed and discussed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

b) FY 2025 Greater Egypt Budget

Cary went over the budget for FY 2025. He noted the following:

- We will need to add one more Environmental Planner as soon as possible.
- \$10,000 is budgeted for legal expenses. We plan to have our policy manual and job classifications reviewed and updated as needed.
- We will be using funds from LGS (only unrestricted funds besides Enterprise Zone fees) to cover a Windows 11 upgrade for all staff. This has been recommended by Alan Doty and will cost around \$10,000. We will also be spending around \$1,500 on Greater Egypt shirts for the staff.

c) Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning

Cary announced that IDOT is putting plans together for the MPO area along the Route 13 corridor, the rural portions of Jackson County, and for the counties of Perry, Franklin, and Jefferson. They would like Greater Egypt to help coordinate and Cary is asking for safety committee volunteers. Please reach out if interested.

d) SIMPO

Cary explained that the MPO was formally decommissioned on June 30, 2024 and this was acknowledged by the MPO at the June 10, 2024 meeting. Our current contract for FY24 does not expire until December 31, 2024, this will allow us to spend out the grant and finish up consultant studies that are ongoing. This is a huge hit for us and the regions that the MPO served as we were receiving around \$300K per year. We have completed 34 studies during the past 10 years, bringing more than \$70 million to the region. We are replacing the lost income with SPR grants (Bike Plans, Safety Studies, etc.). We currently have two of these in progress, bike plans for the Tri-C area and for Pinckneyville/Du Quoin.

e) Miscellaneous

DRA applications are open for water/sewer issues, economic development, and strategic planning (Jefferson County is excluded). Please contact us with any ideas.

5. Matters from the Floor - None

6. Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee – July 09, 2024 – time TBA

Regular Meeting – August 13, 2024 at 6:00pm

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by David Larkin and seconded by Mark Kronos to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 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.