

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
BOARD MEETING  
December 10, 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.

<b>Members Present:</b>		<b>Members Absent:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Represents:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Represents:</b>
Kevin Weston	Franklin County	Neil Hargis	Franklin County
David Larkin	Jackson County	Liz Allen	Franklin County
Cindy Humm	Franklin County	Robert Spencer	Pickneyville
Steve Damron	Jefferson County	George Shepard	Williamson County
Cliff Lindemann	Jefferson County	Mark Krones	Cartersville
Bruce Morgenstern	Perry County	Chris Veteto	West Frankfort
Lee Messersmith	Benton	John Rendleman	Jackson County
Gary Williams	Rend Lake Conservancy	Cody Lueker	Carbondale
Timothy Atkinson	Williamson County	Jason Ashmore	ALG
Jeffery Robinson	Williamson County	Ryan Guthman	Murphysboro
Greg Legan	Kinkaid-Reeds Creek Con.	Steve Draege	Jefferson County
Alexander Simpson	Williamson County	Fisher Overstreet	Jefferson County
Kathy Lively	Herrin	Mary Ellen Bechtel	Mt. Vernon
<b>Guests:</b>		Josh Gross	Perry County
Tamiko Mueller		Duncan Britton	Perry County
		Brian Otten	Perry County
		Ruth Hale	Du Quoin
<b>Staff Present:</b>		Glenn Clarida	Marion
Cary Minnis	Executive Director	Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Sarah O'Dell	Administrative Assistant		

**2. Recognition of Visitors – None**

**3. Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Kathy Lively and seconded by Tim Atkisson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The following reports were accepted:

- a) Minutes – October 8, 2024
- b) List of Bills – December 10, 2024
- c) Financial Report - July - November 30, 2024
- d) Staff Report – November 2024

**4. New Business**

a) **Audit Approval**

The Executive Committee was presented and reviewed the Greater Egypt audit at the November meeting. The Executive Committee recommended the audit move to the full board for approval.

A motion was made by Tim Atkisson and seconded by Greg Legan to approve the audit as presented. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**b) Close Out of SIMPO and ILDECO Money Market Accounts**

Cary discussed the closure of the SIMPO and ILDECO bank accounts. SIMPO has officially ended and \$63,900 remains in the reserve fund. Per the Intergovernmental Agreement, the funds left in the reserve funds belong to the members of SIMPO. Letters were sent to each of the members regarding the return of funds to the members or members allowing Greater Egypt to keep the funds for other transportation projects. Mixed responses were received, with most of the members requesting funds to be returned to them. The funds kept by Greater Egypt will be moved to the General Fund.

The ILDECO account is no longer needed as the grant has closed out. Both accounts will be closed.

**c) Nominating Committee Report**

The nominating committee met on November 19<sup>th</sup> and recommended the following officers for the 2025 Greater Egypt Commission

Chairman	Jeffrey Robinson	(Williamson County)
1st Vice Chairman	Kathy Lively	(Williamson County)
2nd Vice Chairman	Kevin Weston	(Franklin County)
3rd Vice Chairman	Julie Peterson	(Jackson County)
4th Vice Chairman	Robert Spencer	(Jefferson County)
Secretary	Steve Damron	(Jefferson County)
Treasurer	Cindy Humm	(Franklin County)

A motion was made by Alex Simpson and seconded by Lee Messersmith to accept the recommendation of officers for 2025. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**d) 2025 Meeting Schedule**

The 2025 Commission meeting schedule was shared with the commission.

**5. Matters from the Floor**

**6. Upcoming Meetings**

Executive Committee – January 14, 2025 – time TBA

Full Board Meeting – February 11, 2025

**7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by David Larkin and seconded by Steve Damron to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:07 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.*