

**GREATER EGYPT REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 9, 2025**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jeff Robinson, Chair, presided and called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. A roll call was taken, and it was noted that there is a quorum present.

Officers Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position, Represents</u>
Jeffery Robinson	Chair, Williamson County
Kathy Lively	1 st Vice-Chair, Herrin
Kevin Weston	2 nd Vice-Chair, Franklin County
Julie Peterson	3 rd Vice-Chair, Jackson County
Robert Spencer	4 th Vice-Chair, Pinckneyville
Steve Damron	Secretary, Jefferson County

Staff Present - Cary Minnis (Executive Director), Sarah O'Dell (Administrator)

Officers Absent:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position, Represents</u>
Cindy Humm	Treasurer, Franklin County

2. Consent Agenda

- a) Minutes of July 15, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Robert Spencer and seconded by Kevin Weston to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

- a) CD Renewals
 - The board discussed the renewal of three CDs with Banterra Bank at a rate of 3.92%. The CDs that matured recently generated approximately \$15,000 in interest, which has been budgeted for programs. The board acknowledged the transaction and the favorable interest rates, with a motion made by Julie Peterson and seconded by Robert Spencer to approve the CD renewals and maintain the one-year term with Banterra Bank.
- b) Member Survey
 - Distribution of upcoming surveys to gather member feedback and guide program priorities. The member survey will identify immediate needs and priorities for the next 1–2 years, with a tiered rollout to local officials, community representatives, and other partners. Feedback will also help shape workshops on housing and ADA compliance, featuring local best practices and expert speakers.

In addition, a survey will be conducted to gather input from members and engineering firms regarding grant services and environmental reviews. The results will help inform potential service expansions for counties and municipalities, with broader distribution planned after initial responses are analyzed. Miscellaneous
- c) Miscellaneous
 - Cary provided updates on the accounting firm transition and audit progress, and confirmed that the accounting firm's performance is meeting expectations, with one complex audit item still under review. Cary also explained the financial arrangement between Greater Egypt and the building,

proposing to reset past transactions to allow the building to operate independently and build a reserve for future maintenance. He plans to meet with the auditor to address these bookkeeping issues during the audit fieldwork set for September 17

4. Matters from the Floor

- a) Kevin Weston invited members to the Emergency Management Operations Center Open House on September 26th from 4–6 PM in Benton. He also noted the \$20 million state-funded reconstruction of the Rend Lake resort that is currently in progress and reported on the closure of the Juvenile Detention Center due to low occupancy and financial strain, expressing interest in exploring new uses for the facility.

b) Next Meetings:

Full Board Commission Meeting: October 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting: November 12, 2025, 12:00 noon

6. Adjourn

A motion was made by Steve Damron and seconded by Kathy Lively to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.