



South Central Illinois Regional Planning Development Commission

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MINUTES MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Elks

Salem, IL

TUESDAY, May 30, 2023

Commissioners Present

David Johnson	Clay County
Michael Gill	Clay County
Mike Stanford	Clay County
Norbert Soltwedel	Effingham Co
Larry Taylor	Effingham Co
Sasha Althoff	Effingham Co
Mike Brown	Effingham Co
Mack Payne	Fayette Co
Michael Kleinik	Fayette Co
Ricky Gottman	Fayette Co
Ben Bollman	Jasper County
Angela Fehrenbacher	Jasper County
David Armbrust	Marion County
Gary Purcell	Marion County
Derek Sherman	Marion County
Janie Grimes	Marion County

Commissioners Absent

Herb Henson	Clay County
Barry Adair	Clay County
David Campbell	Effingham Co
Ernie Garbe	Effingham Co
Jessica Barker	Fayette Co
John Roberts	Fayette Co
John Lotz	Fayette Co
Mike Hall	Jasper County
Tom Brown	Jasper County
Karen Booker	Jasper County
RJ Lindemann	Jasper County
Tony Smith	Marion County
Debbie Smith	Marion County

Guests Present:

Staff Present: James Patrick, Executive Director
Brooke Frederick, EDA Planner II/Loan Portfolio Manager

1st Vice Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL (Taken by signature sheet – see the list of attendees and absentees above)

Sixteen voting Commissioners attended and the Executive Director, constituting a legal quorum.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/HEARING OF THE PUBLIC Tony Smith: Iuka Bank/SCIRPDC Board Member

Tony Smith was going to present on Banking and the Effects of Policy & Interest Rates on the Economy, but he had a family issue come up last minute. His speech was postponed to a later date.

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Enhance Economic Development and Quality of Life for its Regional Citizens

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 25, 2023, Monthly Meeting

Patrick asked if there was any discussion or changes concerning the April 25, 2023 Minutes. There being none, Taylor entertained a motion made by Johnson to approve the Minutes as amended. A second was made by M. Brown. *(Approved)*

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

Upcoming Grant Deadlines & Submissions

One notable change is that December 2023 has been announced as the anticipated due date for CDBG Grants. The DCEO Programmatic Report will be looking at the 2021 Environmental Reviews soon. Award announcements for last year's applications are expected in July. Since DCEO is running behind, they have announced that the funding cycles for 2023 and 2024 will be combined and will remain capped at \$1.5 million with an anticipated cutoff date of December/January. A short conversation began regarding the ITEP grant.

USDA: Illinois Basin Funding Review Application

USDA is offering a funding review for communities in the region affected by the closure of plants and mines (Jasper and Effingham Counties). Presentations will take place on June 27th. A number of individuals from different state and federal agencies will be in attendance to offer assistance.

Human Service Transportation Program Grant Submission

The Human Service Transportation Grant is due on June 1st, 2023. Patrick and the HSTP coordinator proposed a 53% increase to the budget because it only went up once slightly since 2007. There are supposed to be 2 individuals in office working for IDOT in this capacity, however, that hasn't been feasible with the funding given to SCIRPDC. The budget initially suggested by IDOT was \$257,735 for two years. After speaking with the grant managers, they were able to receive a 20% increase (\$51,947) for a total IDOT budget of \$311,682 over two years.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report from April 16, 2023, through May 15, 2023

On p. 14, item 33415 on April 25th, there was an expense for \$3,888.88 which covered the local match for EDA 301(b). \$7,630 was recorded for repairs to the roof and installation of a new door. May 4th shows \$5,601.77 to US Bank for new computers and iPads. Amount of checks written for the month was \$55,061.36 (\$55,616.90 after depreciation).

On p. 15, the Business Now Account had one debit leading to a balance of \$319,905.86. The checking account had \$3,000 in it by May 15. Accounts Receivable had an HSTP reimbursement of \$28,812.94. The EDA 301 (b) had an ending balance of \$50,007.98. \$43,704.44 was in the Supplemental Grant Account as of May 15th. Two of those accounts will have a smaller amount or zeroed out as a result of the end of the funding cycle by next month's meeting.

On p. 16, in the EDA Title IX RLF Account, after a transfer of \$5,285.41 was made, the balance was \$4,408.00. The savings had \$164,382.21. \$36,889.08 was sitting in the RBI/CDI account. Patrick

requested approval to borrow money from Title IX to make a payment to USDA for their RBI program. Taylor entertained a motion by M. Brown. A second was made by Sherman.

Page 17 reflects YTD revenues as \$866,898.06 or 84.46% of the budget. Expenditures are sitting at \$477,280.85 or 51.61% of the proposed budget.

On p. 18, interest earned on the CDI accounts was \$1,554.25.

Page 12 shows all loan recipients paying as agreed. The current balance on RBIs was \$1,281,660.35 with a 3.31% interest rate. CDI loans were sitting with interest at 3.00% and \$211,556.25. Patrick mentioned that there was money in this account to loan out to communities. TIX loans had a current balance of \$489,347.46 with a blended interest rate of 3.00%. The ending balance of all loan programs with the exception of one is \$1,982,564.06 at 3.03%. The 504-loan balance is sitting at \$858,066.09 The total ending balance is \$2,840,630.15.

Taylor entertained a motion made by Gottman to approve the Treasurer's Report. A second was made by Payne. *(Approved)*

STAFF REPORT

04/15/2023 – 5/14/2023

There are currently 3 Strong Community Grants and 2 ETCGs in process. There were 3 LSLIs that can be moved to recently awarded. Patrick is hoping that CDBGs will be announced soon.

COMMITTEE REPORT

No Committee Report.

OLD BUSINESS

All Computers and iPads received

All computers and iPads have been received and are already in use.

New Door Installed

Rubber Roof Complete

Patrick noted there was one cabinet still to be built and then all new furniture will be constructed.

New Business

Defederalization of EDA Title IX RLF Funds

Patrick would like to defederalize the Title IX RLF funds, but continue to lend them out. Currently, all he has to do is submit a letter to EDA. Two key reasons for this is that, by doing so, SCIRPDC would no longer be subject to a single audit which saves money and less time would be spent on reporting. A vote will be taken next month.

Discussion and Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Patrick asked if anyone had anything to comment on or questions regarding the agenda. There being none, Taylor entertained a motion made by Gottman to adjourn the May board meeting. A second was made by Armbrust. *(Approved)*

APPROVED THIS, THE 27th DAY OF June 2023 AD.

Jessica Barker, Corp. Secretary
SCIRPDC

Barry Adair, Chairman
SCIRPDC