



South Central Illinois Regional Planning Development Commission

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MINUTES MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

The Outpost

Flora, IL

TUESDAY, October 24, 2023

Commissioners Present

Barry Adair	Clay County
Mike Delonshaw	Clay County
David Johnson	Clay County
Herb Henson	Clay County
Michael Gill	Clay County
Michael Stanford	Clay County
Robert Bohnhoff	Effingham Co
David Campbell	Effingham Co
Sasha Althoff	Effingham Co
Norbert Soltwedel	Effingham Co
Mike Brown	Effingham Co
Jessica Barker	Fayette Co
Ricky Gottman	Fayette Co
Michael Kleinik	Fayette Co
Mack Payne	Fayette Co
Ben Bollman	Jasper County
Karen Booker	Jasper County
Tom Brown	Jasper County
Angela Fehrenbacher	Jasper County
Mike Hall	Jasper County
Gary Purcell	Marion County
Tony Smith	Marion County
Derek Sherman	Marion County

Commissioners Absent

Larry Taylor	Effingham Co
John Roberts	Fayette Co
John Lotz	Fayette Co
RJ Lindemann	Jasper County
David Armbrust	Marion County
Debbie Smith	Marion County
Janie Grimes	Marion County

Guests Present:

Robert Bohnhoff, New SCIRPDC Commissioner
Christine Orr and Jordan Jackovich, Discover Downstate Illinois

Staff Present:

Luke Eastin, Interim Executive Director
Brooke Frederick, EDA Planner II/Loan Portfolio Manager

Chairman Adair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

The Mission of the South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission is to
Enhance Economic Development and Quality of Life for its Regional Citizens

✦ An Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider ✦

Twenty-three voting Commissioners attended and the Interim Executive Director, constituting a legal quorum.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Robert Bohnhoff-New SCIRPDC Commissioner

Eastin introduced new commissioner, Robert Bohnhoff to the full board. Bohnhoff replaces Garbe's position left vacant after his resignation.

Christine Orr & Jordan Jackovich-Discover Downstate Illinois

Guest speakers Christine Orr and Jordan Jackovich were in attendance to present to the board the services they offer to our communities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 29th, 2023, Monthly Meeting

Eastin asked if there was any discussion or changes concerning the August 29, 2023 Minutes. Adair entertained a motion made by Campbell to approve the Minutes as amended. A second was made by Johnson. *(Approved)*

September 26th 2023-No Minutes-Lack of Quorum

Eastin explained that there was no quorum for September's meeting and, therefore, no minutes. The Interim Executive Director asked that be something that gets worked on as the past few months there has been an issue with getting enough attendees.

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

Upcoming Grant Deadlines & Submissions

No changes or updates were made.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report from August 16, 2023, through September 15, 2023

Eastin noted that they had received the property tax payment from the former tenant.

On p. 11, actual amount of checks written was \$20,104.43.

On p. 12, the Business Now Account had an ending cash balance of \$594,854.36.

Page 14 reflects YTD revenues as \$22,391.24 or 2.52%% of the budget. Expenditures are sitting at \$20,104.43 or 2.26% of the proposed budget.

On p. 15, the leave liability CD matured on October 21st. Eastin is working on getting it renewed with a new interest rate of 5% rather than the 2.25% it was at.

Page 16 shows all loan recipients paying as agreed. The current balance on RBIs was \$1,229,516.95 with a 3.31% interest rate. CDI loans were sitting with interest at 3.00% and \$180,337.50. TIX loans had a current balance of \$478,514.35 with a blended interest rate of 3.00%. The ending balance of all loan programs with the exception of one is \$1,888,368.80 at 3.03%. The 504 loan balance is sitting at \$824,894.98. The total ending balance is \$2,713,262.98.

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

STAFF REPORT

09/15/2023 – 10/14/2023

In process grants include a recently submitted CFG grant for Flora with an agreement to write one for Ramsey. OSLAD and SRTS grants have been submitted. One GIGO grant has been submitted for Clay City. Awarded mostly included SCP and CDBGs.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Executive Committee Report-Hiring Committee Meeting Minutes

Adair reported that the hiring committee met and decided to recommend the appointment of Luke Eastin as Executive Director. Adair entertained a motion made by Gottman to approve the Executive Committee Minutes. A second was made by T. Brown.

Operation & Budget Committee Report

Eastin noted that the Operation and Budget Committee met before the full board meeting to review the budget.

New Business

Resolution Appointing New Executive Director Contingent on Passing Drug and Background Checks

Adair entertained a motion made by Gottman to approve the resolution appointing Luke J.L. Eastin as Executive Director. A second was made by Kleinik.

EDA Title IX RLF Plan Certification

Eastin noted that this is something that must be done each year for EDA. Adair entertained a motion made by T. Brown. A second was made by Gottman.

Operating Budget Resolution

Adair entertained a motion made by T. Brown to approve the budget for FY-2024. A second was made by Stanford.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution Defederalizing EDA Title IX RLF Funds

Eastin noted that EDA had reached out about defederalizing the loan funds which would allow the commission to do with the money how they so choose. This would also eliminate the need for extensive reporting. Adair entertained a motion made by Gottman to approve the defederalization. A second was made by Sherman.

ADJOURNMENT

In an effort to encourage attendance at the monthly meetings, a new initiative was announced for perfect attendance. Johnson was the first recipient as he had attended all meetings during FY-23. Eastin asked if anyone had anything to comment on or questions regarding the agenda. There being none, Adair made a motion to adjourn the October board meeting at 6:45 p.m. A second was made by M. Brown. *(Approved)*

APPROVED THIS, THE 28th DAY OF November 2023 AD.

Jessica Barker, Corp. Secretary
SCIRPDC

Barry Adair, Chairman
SCIRPDC