



South Central Illinois Regional Planning Development Commission

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MINUTES MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Thelma Keller Convention Center

Effingham, IL

TUESDAY, June 27, 2023

Commissioners Present

David Johnson	Clay County
Herb Henson	Clay County
David Campbell	Effingham Co
Larry Taylor	Effingham Co
Ernest Garbe	Effingham Co
Sasha Althoff	Effingham Co
Mike Brown	Effingham Co
Jessica Barker	Fayette Co
Ricky Gottman	Fayette Co
John Roberts	Fayette Co
John Lotz	Fayette Co
Ben Bollman	Jasper County
RJ Lindemann	Jasper County
Karen Booker	Jasper County
Tom Brown	Jasper County
Mike Hall	Jasper County
David Armbrust	Marion County
Janie Grimes	Marion County

Commissioners Absent

Michael Gill	Clay County
Barry Adair	Clay County
Michael Stanford	Clay County
Mike Delonshaw	Clay County
Norbert Soltwedel	Effingham Co
Mack Payne	Fayette Co
Michael Kleinik	Fayette Co
Angela Fehrenbacher	Jasper County
Gary Purcell	Marion County
Derek Sherman	Marion 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 7:05 p.m.

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 ✦

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

Eighteen 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 30, 2023, Monthly Meeting

Patrick asked if there was any discussion or changes concerning the May 30, 2023 Minutes. Campbell noted that the attending list had him assigned to Clay rather than Effingham. Taylor entertained a motion made by Gottman to approve the Minutes as amended. A second was made by M. Brown. (*Approved*)

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

Upcoming Grant Deadlines & Submissions

CDBG awards were supposed to have been announced in June; DCEO is now looking to July. Environmental Reviews from last year have not yet been looked over. PY-23 and PY-24 will combined with a cap of \$1.5 million.

OSLADs will be beginning July 3rd, 2023

OSLAD grants can be used for recreational purposes. Maximum award amount is typically \$400,000 and no expected match. Engineering is a must for this program. Any questions can be directed to Brooke or Trish in the office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

On p. 6, item number 34148, the second half of the payment for the computers was made at \$9,408.80. On June 1st, TIX funds were used to cover the RBI loan of \$13,063.00

Patrick noted that Brooke had recertified the SBA CAF account which controls the loan from that provider.

On p. 7, the Business Now Account had an expense reimbursement of \$10,333.66 from EDA and one from the supplemental grant of \$15,922.56. The payment from Salem Township Hospital was for services provided on an environmental review. Luke and Trish both purchased the old computers from SCIRPDC at \$250.00. The ending cash balance was \$363,219.40. The checking account had \$3,000.00 by the end of the cycle. Both HSTP payments were made, although not reflected on the paper. The ending cash balance was \$73,934.19. After all payments made the EDA 301(b) had \$11,774.94 with one more month to spend \$14,845.08 from the supplemental grant. After borrowing from the TIX account, there was \$7,797.36 by the end of the cycle. The Savings Account had \$164,382.21 as an ending cash balance. \$9,994.94 was in the RBI/CDI account.

Page 19 reflects YTD revenues as \$967,542.00 or 94.27%% of the budget. Expenditures are sitting at \$580,891.19 or 62.81% of the proposed budget.

On p. 10, interest earned on the CDI accounts was \$1,559.26 with a balance of \$502,051.09.

Page 11 shows all loan recipients paying as agreed. The current balance on RBIs was \$1,269,184.64 with a 3.31% interest rate. CDI loans were sitting with interest at 3.00% and \$197,958,75. TIX loans had a current balance of \$487,059.38 with a blended interest rate of 3.00%. The ending balance of all loan programs with the exception of one is \$1,954,202.77 at 3.03%. The 504-loan balance is sitting at \$851,473.58 The total ending balance is \$2,805,676.35.

Taylor entertained a motion made by Gottman to approve the Treasurer's Report. A second was made by T. Brown. *(Approved)*

STAFF REPORT

05/15/2023 – 6/14/2023

Active CDBG grants are dwindling. Nothing new on planning contracts or loan prospects.

COMMITTEE REPORT

No Committee Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution Defederalizing EDA Funds

Patrick introduced a resolution to defederalize their EDA funds. Currently, they can only be used to fund 1/3 of a project. Taylor entertained a motion made by Gottman to approve the resolution. A second was made by Hall.

New Business

Ernest Garbe Resigning

Longtime commissioner Ernest Garbe submitted his resignation letter. Patrick noted that he has served for 50 years and was one of the founding members. The board thanked him for his years of support and work. Garbe shared some memories and expressed his appreciation for all the board members.

James Patrick Resigning

Executive Director Patrick has submitted his letter of resignation. Upon his return from vacation, he received an email with a job offer from a local business. His last day with the commission will be July 22nd. Plans will be made soon to meet with the Executive Committee

Possibly forego July 2023 Board Meeting

A decision was made to only cancel the meeting if there was no quorum.

Discussion and Comments regarding Executive Director Resignation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED THIS, THE 25th DAY OF July 2023 AD.

Jessica Barker, Corp. Secretary
SCIRPDC

Barry Adair, Chairman
SCIRPDC