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MINUTES MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
Elks
Effingham, Il
TUESDAY, June 25, 2024

Commissioners Present		Commissioners Absent	
David Johnson	Clay County	Mike Delonshaw	Clay County
Herb Henson	Clay County	Mike Gill	Clay County
Barry Adair	Clay County	Norbert Soltwedel	Effingham Co.
Michael Stanford	Clay County	Jessica Barker	Fayette Co
Robert Bohnhoff	Effingham Co	Mack Payne	Fayette Co
David Campbell	Effingham Co	Janie Grimes	Marion County
Larrry Taylor	Effingham Co	Tony Smith	Marion County
Mike Brown	Effingham Co	Debbie Smith	Marion County
Sasha Althoff	Effingham Co	David Armbrust	Marion County
Ricky Gottman	Fayette Co		
Michael Kleinik	Fayette Co		
John Roberts	Fayette Co		
John Lotz	Fayette Co		
Ben Bollman	Jasper County		
Angela Fehrenbacher	Jasper County		
Mike Hall	Jasper County		
Tom Brown	Jasper County		
Karen Booker	Jasper County		
RJ Lindemann	Jasper County		
Derek Sherman	Marion County		
Gary Purcell	Marion County		

Guests Present:

Staff Present: Luke Eastin, Executive Director
                        Brooke Frederick, EDA Planner/Loan Portfolio Manager

Chairman Adair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL (*Taken by signature sheet – see the list of attendees and absentees above*)
Twenty-one voting Commissioners attended and the Executive Director, constituting a legal quorum.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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 ✦

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
April 30th, 2024 Monthly Meeting
Eastin asked if there was any discussion or changes concerning the April 30, 2024 Minutes. Brown requested the approval date be changed from May to June as there was no quorum for the previous month. Adair entertained a motion made by Gottman to approve the Minutes as amended. A second was made by Lindemann. *(Approved)*

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS
Upcoming Grant Deadlines & Submissions
CDBG grants will open up in January 2025. OSLAD grants are expected to be out in August 2024 as will the ITEP program. Stanford asked about the maximum funding amount on the LSLIs.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Treasurer's Report from April 16, 2024, through May 15, 2024
Balance of the General Fund was $526,698.86.

No significant changes to the loan portfolio. There was an ending balance of$2,610,504.64.

YTD revenues is currently $401,401.04 with expenditures being $360,026.35.

Two CDs (Leave Liability and National Bank) matured and were renewed.

Page nine reflects the total balance of all at $518,197.50. Two CDs are coming due.

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

Treasurer's Report from May 16, 2024 to June 15, 2024
Total amount of checks written was $40,189.61.

Ending balance of the general fund was $543,282.29.

Easting noted expenditures went up slightly due to the hiring of a new employee. YTD Revenues was $465,414.44 with expenditures being 448,000,08.

Renewed CDs will run until April 2025 at 4.26% interest.

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

STAFF REPORT
5/16/2023 – 6/15/2024

An engery grant preapplication had just been submitted for the City of Newton. None of the three CDBGs that the office had applied for were awarded. Newton's health and safety were considered to be outdated, Louisville's testing for health and safety were not sufficient by DCEO's standards, and St. Elmo's sewer rates were too low. The disaster response and business resiliency grants were being reviewed by the state. Strong Community grants are moving along smoothly. CDBG lowmod percents have become available. The City of Altamont was the most drastic change, going from 51% (making them eligible) to 31.4% (making it difficult to obtain funds). The Village of Vernon dropped to 47.4% from well over 51% so there might be surveys conducted for their application. The City of Newton also dropped below 51% at 49.6%. Eastin did note that there were other ways to meet the 51% requirement, if need be. Campbell asked about the Grocery Initiative grant. Eastin said there ended up being no interest from communities on submitting an application and that the deadline had already came and went.

COMMITTEE REPORT
No Committee Meetings.

New Business
"Grant of the Month" – DCEO CDBG Economic Development
Maximum award for the CDBG Economic Development grant is $1 million with a 1 to 1 match. Eligible expenses include construction, working capital expenses, rehabilitation of buildings, etc. Right now, they are offering up to $25,000 per job created. Business need to provide their basic financials and be willing to wait for the state to process an application. It is a rolling program so DCEO will take submissions throughout the year.

OLD BUSINESS
Employment Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) Update
Initial conversations with Brotman Law indicated that the money would need to be sent back. Recently, the attorney believes there might be a chance since there was a significant increase in work at the commission. Brown asked if there was any luck in contacting local officials. Eastin noted that they had reached out, but because the company is complying with their contact there's not much that can be done. Brown also asked for an update on the roof leak but no contractors have shown up to look at it. There was discussion regarding the need for meeting minutes from the previous month. The board's majority agreed they weren't necessary.

ADJOURNMENT
Eastin asked if anyone had anything to comment on or questions regarding the agenda. There being none, Adair entertained a motion by Hall to adjourn the June board meeting at 7:26 p.m. A second was made by Stanford. *(Approved)*

APPROVED THIS, THE 30th DAY OF July 2024 AD.

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Jessica Barker, Corp. Secretary   Barry Adair, Chairman
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