



South Central Illinois Regional Planning Development Commission

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MINUTES MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

8th Day Venue

Vandalia, IL

TUESDAY, October 28, 2025

Commissioners Present

Michael Stanford	Clay County
Michael Gill	Clay County
Herb Henson	Clay County
Robert Bohnhoff	Effingham Co
Norbert Soltwedel	Effingham Co
Sasha Althoff	Effingham Co.
Mike Brown	Effingham Co
David Campbell	Effingham Co.
Doug Knebel	Fayette Co.
Jessica Barker	Fayette Co.
Mack Payne	Fayette Co.
Ben Bollman	Jasper County
Angela Fehrenbacher	Jasper County
Mike Hall	Jasper County
David Armbrust	Marion County
Rob Jackson	Marion County

Commissioners Absent

Chris Rinehart	Clay County
David Johnson	Clay County
Mike Delonshaw	Clay County
Larry Taylor	Effingham Co.
John Lotz	Fayette Co
John Roberts	Fayette Co
Michael Kleinik	Fayette Co
Karen Booker	Jasper County
Austin Francis	Jasper County
RJ Lindemann	Jasper County
Bill Halfacre	Marion County
Debbie Smith	Marion County
Tony Smith	Marion County

Guests Present:

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

Treasurer Henson called the meeting to order at 6:36 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Eastin introduced new board members, Doug Knebel and Rob Jackson and asked if there were any discussions or changes concerning the September 30, 2025 Minutes. Henson entertained a motion made by Hall to approve the Minutes as amended. A second was made by Payne. *(Approved)*

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

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

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Upcoming Grant Deadlines & Submissions

Eastin noted that the Trees Forever program was now accepting applications until the end of the December requiring no match and no grant maximum to plant trees around town in the following communities: Effingham, St. Elmo, Brownstown, Vandalia, Salem, Centralia, Central City, Flora, and Newton.

TREASURER'S REPORT

9/1/25-9/31/25

The general fund balance was \$551,056.33 for the month of September. Total revenues were \$72,162.87 with expenditures of \$531,870.39. All loan recipients were paying as agreed. Henson entertained a motion made by Hall to approve the September Treasurer's Report. A second was made by Payne. *(Approved)*

STAFF REPORT

9/1/2025 – 9/31/2025

Five OSLAD applications were submitted at the end of September and three Safe Routes to School grants were sent to IDOT in mid-October.

COMMITTEE REPORT

No committee report.

New Business

SCIRPDC 2026 Holiday Schedule

Eastin introduced the 2026 Holiday Schedule. Brown requested Columbus Day be added to the schedule next to Columbus Day (same day) due to its recognition status as a legal holiday. Henson entertained a motion made by Brown to approve the holiday schedule with the amendment of "Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day". A second was made by Bohnhoff. *(Approved)*

OLD BUSINESS

SCIRPDC FY-2024 Audit

Eastin indicated that the audit still had not been completed and provided the option to have a meeting once the audit was completed. The board opted not to do so if it wasn't required through the state. Soltwedel asked about the FY-2025 audit and engagement letter. Eastin verified that work for the next audit would typically be starting soon but no engagement letter has been signed.

SCIRPDC ERTC Funds

Eastin noted that the appeals hearing scheduled for October 15th was canceled due to the federal government shutdown.

ADJOURNMENT

Henson entertained a motion by Armbrust to adjourn the October board meeting at 7:48 p.m. A second was made by Gill. *(Approved)*

APPROVED THIS, THE 24th DAY OF February 2025 AD.

Doug Knebel, Corp. Secretary
SCIRPDC

Larry Taylor, Chairman
SCIRPDC