



South Central Illinois Regional Planning Development Commission

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MINUTES MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Bonnie Cafe

Salem, IL

TUESDAY, August 25, 2026

Commissioners Present

Chris Rinehart	Clay County
Michael Gill	Clay County
David Johnson	Clay County
Mike Delonshaw	Clay County
Robert Bohnhoff	Effingham Co
Mike Brown	Effingham Co
Larry Taylor	Effingham Co
David Campbell	Effingham Co.
Norbert Soltwedel	Effingham Co.
John Lotz	Fayette Co.
Mack Payne	Fayette Co.
Kimberly Baron	Fayette Co.
Ben Bollman	Jasper County
Angela Fehrenbacher	Jasper County
Mike Hall	Jasper County
RJ Lindemann	Jasper County
Karen Booker	Jasper County
Rob Jackson	Marion County
David Armbrust	Marion County

Commissioners Absent

Mike Stanford	Clay County
Herb Henson	Clay County
Sasha Althoff	Effingham Co.
Doug Knebel	Fayette Co.
Ryan Scott	Fayette Co.
Jessica Barker	Fayette Co.
Austin Francis	Jasper County
Debbie Smith	Marion County
Cody Rose	Marion County
Bill Halfacre	Marion County
Tony Smith	Marion County

Guests Present: Jacque Durr, Fayette County Board

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

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

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

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Eastin introduced Fayette County Board Member and prospective SCIRPDC member, Jacque Durr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Eastin asked if there were any discussions or changes concerning the June 30, 2026 Minutes. Taylor

entertained a motion made by Hall to approve the minutes as amended. A second was made by Lindemann. *(Approved)*

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

Upcoming Grant Deadlines & Submissions

CDBG-PIs will be due at the end of August. CDBG-Economic Development will be absorbed under the new Community Revitalization program. OSLADs are due at the end of the month. IDOT's ITEP grant is opening soon and it covers expenses for pedestrian walkways in high-traffic corridors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

6/1/26-6/31/26

7/1/26/-7/31/26

In July, \$42,512.69 were written in checks. \$552,031.88 was in the general fund and \$57,162.63 in Accounts Receivable. TIX was sitting at \$484,125.59 and RBI at \$529,616.54, although those will be lower soon with some upcoming loans going out. Revenues were at \$987,762.62, an increase due to loan payoffs. Without that, it's \$579,762. Expenses were at \$409,874.09. Eastin noted that there was payment to USDA in the amount of \$135,881 which will not be paid because the commission owns their loan program. Total balance of CDs were \$565,855.86. Campbell asked about renewing the Iuka CD. The loan portfolio reflected \$1,000,565.97 with TPS paying off next month. Gill asked about the TPS maturity date showing 2025. Eastin noted that it was a typo. Taylor entertained a motion made by Jackson to approve the June and July Treasurer's Report. A second was made by Bohnhoff. *(Approved)*

STAFF REPORT

7/1/2026-7/31/2026

SCIRPDC worked to submit an economic development grant request with the City of Vandalia on behalf of Odyssey Logistics. EDA grant funding has not been approved at this time so the commission is currently paying eligible items out of pocket. The City of Vandalia was awarded a Site Readiness Phase 2 project. They were awarded \$3 million in the first round and will be receiving \$2.5 million this time. Effingham County is working towards creating a loan program which the commission is assisting with. Also with Effingham County, SCIRPDC has submitted a grant request to IEMA for tornado sirens. CDBG-PI grants will be submitted ahead of the due date on 8/27. The Cities of Salem and Altamont have contracted with the commission to submit CDBG-CR grants. Eastin noted that a couple of OSLADs will be submitted as well. Also being completed is a planning project with the City of Centralia.

COMMITTEE REPORT

New Business

FY-2025 Audit Begins

Work has started on the FY-25 audit by Lemoyne and Hardcastle. Jackson inquired about an estimated timeline and Eastin replied that there wasn't one currently given.

ADJOURNMENT

Taylor entertained a motion by Armbrust to adjourn the August board meeting at 7:15 p.m. A second was made by Baron. *(Approved)*

APPROVED THIS, THE 29th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026 AD.

Doug Knebel, Corp. Secretary
SCIRPDC

Larry Taylor, Chairman
SCIRPDC