



South Central Illinois Regional Planning Development Commission

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MINUTES MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Bonnie Cafe

Salem, IL

TUESDAY, August 26, 2025

Commissioners Present

David Johnson	Clay County
Michael Stanford	Clay County
Chris Rinehart	Clay County
Robert Bohnhoff	Effingham Co
Norbert Soltwedel	Effingham Co
David Campbell	Effingham Co
Mike Brown	Effingham Co
Larry Taylor	Effingham Co.
John Roberts	Fayette Co.
Jessica Barker	Fayette Co.
Mack Payne	Fayette Co.
Austin Francis	Jasper County
Ben Bollman	Jasper County
Mike Hall	Jasper County
Tony Smith	Marion County
David Armbrust	Marion County

Commissioners Absent

Michael Gill	Clay County
Mike Delonshaw	Clay County
Herb Henson	Clay County
Sasha Althoff	Effingham Co.
Doug Knebel	Fayette Co
John Lotz	Fayette Co
Michael Kleinik	Fayette Co
Angela Fehrenbacher	Jasper County
Karen Booker	Jasper County
RJ Lindemann	Jasper County
Debbie Smith	Marion County
Galen Mahle	Marion County

Guests Present:

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

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:59 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

August 26th, 2025 Monthly Meeting

Eastin welcomed new board members, Chris Rinehart and Austin Francis.

Eastin asked if there was any discussion or changes concerning the July 29, 2025 Minutes. Taylor entertained a motion made by Hall to approve the Minutes as amended. A second was made by

Bohnhoff. *(Approved)*

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

Upcoming Grant Deadlines & Submissions

CDBG awards from the previous year have yet to be announced. Eastin indicated that there had been recent conversations surrounding CDBG or EDA Economic Development Grants. OSLADs are due September 30th with 4-6 applications that SCIRPDC is writing. SRTS applications are open now for infrastructure and non-infrastructure funding towards projects that encourage safe pedestrian and bicycle traffic to and from school. SCIRPDC is considering applying for this grant funding itself.

Program Spotlight-IEPA Green Infrastructure Grant

IEPA GIGOs are due September 25th with a 50% match, maximum awards of \$75,000 for projects to create retention ponds, downspout disconnection, and other green infrastructure systems.

TREASURER'S REPORT

7/1/25-7/31/25

Total amount in checks written was \$44,376.68. General fund balance was \$569,633.97. Eastin indicated that he had plans to convene the Areawide Loan Committee to review and revamp lending rules with the TIX funds now that the commission owns them outright. Total revenues for YTD was \$548,599.01 with expenditures at \$363,345.93. All loan recipients are paying as agreed; TDL Group paid off their SBA loan. Taylor entertained a motion made by Payne to approve the July Treasurer's Report. A second was made by T. Smith. *(Approved)*

STAFF REPORT

6/1/2025 – 6/31/2025

OSLAD projects under items 19-21 will be submitted in the next month. The Clay City and Ramsey CDBGs have closed out recently. Newton's Electric Grid Resiliency grant has been fully approved. The commission will be submitting an application for this program on behalf of Altamont in the near future. Hall asked about item number 19, Newton's OSLAD project. Eastin indicated that it will be a highly competitive grant cycle for OSLAD this year.

COMMITTEE REPORT

No committee report. Eastin indicated that he will be holding a meeting with the Operations and Budget Committee on September 18th at 10:00 A.M. to review the FY-26 budget.

New Business

No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

FY-24 Audit

The audit is anticipated to be completed within one to two weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Discussions around the annual meeting occurred. The commission is taking suggestions on meeting locations in Fayette County. Eastin asked if anyone had anything to comment on or questions regarding the agenda. Taylor entertained a motion by Armbrust to adjourn the August board meeting at 7:23 p.m. A second was made by T. Smith. *(Approved)*

APPROVED THIS, THE 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025 AD.

Doug Knebel, Corp. Secretary
SCIRPDC

Larry Taylor, Chairman
SCIRPDC