



South Central Illinois Regional Planning Development Commission

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MINUTES MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Joe’s Pizza & Pasta

Effingham, IL

TUESDAY, November 26, 2024

Commissioners Present

David Johnson	Clay County
Herb Henson	Clay County
Michael Stanford	Clay County
Robert Bohnhoff	Effingham Co
Norbert Soltwedel	Effingham Co
David Campbell	Effingham Co
Mike Brown	Effingham Co
Larry Taylor	Effingham Co.
Sasha Althoff	Effingham Co.
Ricky Gottman	Fayette Co
John Lotz	Fayette Co
Michael Kleinik	Fayette Co
John Roberts	Fayette Co
Angela Fehrenbacher	Jasper County
Ben Bollman	Jasper County
Mike Hall	Jasper County
RJ Lindemann	Jasper County
David Armbrust	Marion County

Commissioners Absent

Mike Delonshaw	Clay County
Michael Gill	Clay County
Barry Adair	Clay County
Mack Payne	Fayette Co
Jessica Barker	Fayette Co
Tom Brown	Jasper County
Karen Booker	Jasper County
Gary Purcell	Marion County
Janie Grimes	Marion County
Debbie Smith	Marion County
Derek Sherman	Marion County
Tony Smith	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 7:03 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 29th, 2024 Monthly Meeting

Eastin asked if there was any discussion or changes concerning the October 29, 2024 Minutes. Taylor

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

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

Upcoming Grant Deadlines & Submissions

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Eastin noted that the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant was accepting applications until December 20th, 2024. There has been some interest from districts in the region. There is a 5% match and it pays for equipment. EMS are also eligible to apply.

TREASURER'S REPORT

10/16/2024-11/15/2024

Total amount of checks written was \$49,056.94. The general fund has a balance of \$519,873.46. An EDA match was paid out in the amount of \$5,833.34. The ERTC fund balance was \$138,260.67. YTD revenues were at \$82,974.44 with expenses at \$67,636.31. The new CD balance was \$531,184.60. All loans are paying on time. Taylor entertained a motion made by Gottman to approve the November Treasurer's Report. A second was made by Lindemann. *(Approved)*

STAFF REPORT

10/16/2024 – 11/15/2024

Sumner and Ramsey's CDBG are moving along smoothly as are the OSLADS. RDMS and Site Readiness grant announcements are to be made in January. This year's CDBGs are due on December 4th, 2024. Eastin introduced a new service the commission plans to start for the smaller villages that will involve strategic planning. There are a couple of economic development grants that are in the early stages of the application process. Taylor entertained a motion made by Gottman to approve the Staff Progress Report. A second was made by Kleinik. *(Approved)*

COMMITTEE REPORT

November 18th 2024 Executive Committee Meeting Notes

An Executive Committee meeting was held on November 18th, 2024. There was not a quorum so there are no official meeting minutes. There was a discussion regarding per capita and what the current guidelines dictate. Eastin noted that it was originally each county and the two largest communities within, but at some point smaller municipalities were added to the list. Hall thought local governments began paying per capita based on how much they used the commission's services. Eastin stated he would like something more uniform.

New Business

Discussion of abbreviated 2025 Meeting Schedule

After the Executive Committee meeting, it was requested that a poll via e-mail be taken to ensure all were given a chance to provide an opinion. There were a total of 18 responses- 9 for the six month schedule, 8 for the 10 month schedule, and 1 undecided. Eastin believed there was an almost even split across the board on this decision. A six and ten month schedule were provided to the board, however, Eastin said that meetings could be added. Each month, the board would still receive a packet containing information. If the six month schedule was approved, the off months would be replaced with committee meetings or open houses for each individual county. Lindemann noted that the commission could always hold special meetings if need be. Althoff indicated that a shortened schedule could help boost

attendance numbers if meetings were not held from November-January due to the holidays. Roberts asked about Zoom meetings being offered as a way to keep updated on the commission when not in-person.

Motion to Approve Shortened 2025 Meeting Schedule.

Taylor entertained a motion made by Gottman approving the shortened 2025 meeting schedule (six month). A second was made by Lindemann. A roll call vote was taken and the results are as follows:

Name	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Barry Adair				X
Sasha Althoff	X			
David Armbrust	X			
Jessica Barker				X
Bob Bohnhoff		X		
Ben Bollman	X			
Karen Booker				X
Mike Brown		X		
Thomas H. Brown				X
David Campbell	X			
Mike Delonshaw				X
Angela Fehrenbacher		X		
Michael Gill				X
Ricky Gottman	X			
Janie Grimes				X
Mike Hall		X		
Herb Henson		X		
David Johnson		X		
Michael Kleinik		X		
RJ Lindemann	X			
John Lotz	X			
Mack Payne				X
Gary Purcell				X
John S. Roberts	X			
Derek Sherman				X
Debbie Smith				X
Tony Smith				X
Norbert Soltwedel		X		
Mike Stanford	X			
Larry Taylor	X			

The official vote was 10-8 to approve the six-month schedule. Eastin stated that the board will be provided with a packet in December and January and the first meeting for 2025 will be in February. Taylor stated that a meeting could always be added and if the abbreviated schedule does not work out, the schedule could always be reverted for 2026. *(Approved)*

Motion to Approve Staff Christmas Luncheon & Christmas Bonus

Eastin presented a motion to approve the usual staff luncheon and Christmas bonus that the commission provides each year to the employees. Taylor entertained a first by Kleinik to approve the lunch and gift. A second was made by Armbrust. *(Approved)*

OLD BUSINESS

SCIRPDC Roof Maintenance

Eastin stated that the roof had been repaired and \$5,168 is the expected cost. On Friday, November 22nd, the furnace’s heat exchange went out. Booher’s Tin Shop came out and suggested a complete replacement of the whole unit since it was over 30 years old. Work had been completed by Tuesday, November 26th. Gottman suggested that a motion be made to approve paying for the furnace. Taylor entertained a motion made by Gottman. A second was made by Henson. *(Approved)*

ADJOURNMENT

Eastin asked if anyone had anything to comment on or questions regarding the agenda. Taylor entertained a motion by Lotz to adjourn the November board meeting at 7:32 p.m. A second was made by Stanford. *(Approved)*

APPROVED THIS, THE 29th DAY OF April 2025 AD.

Rick Gottman, Corp. Secretary
SCIRPDC

Larry Taylor, Chairman
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