

**Minutes of the  
Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Southern Illinois Economic Development Authority  
July 27, 2017  
Marion, Illinois**

**Members Present**

Jeff Doherty, Member, Jackson County  
Rex Duncan, Perry County  
Ron Ellis, Chairman, Williamson County  
Joe Griggs, Member, Alexander County  
Kathy Lively, Member, Governor (Williamson)  
Tony Mason, Member, Saline County  
Robert Mees, Member, Governor (Williamson)  
Larry Richards, Chairman, Pope County  
Bobby Toler, Jr., Chairman, Union County  
Kim Watson, DCEO Designee  
Lawrence Wooden, Member, Gallatin County

**Members Absent**

Michael Burton, Chairman, Hardin County  
Jerel Childers, Chairman, Massac County  
Randall Crocker, Chairman, Franklin County  
Hervey Davis, Member, Governor (Franklin)  
Ernie Henshaw, Chairman, Johnson County  
Monte Russell, Chairman, Pulaski County  
Kelly Stewart, Member, Governor (Franklin)  
Ronnie White, Chairman, Randolph County

**Others Present**

Andy Hamilton, Executive Director  
Jeff Torricelli, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m. Roll call was made identifying that a quorum was present. It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried. Approval of the minutes and Treasurer's Report was suspended.

**Election of SIDA Officers** - Staff recommended the Board consider the Election of Officers. It was moved and seconded to Elect the following slate of Officers to serve a term until the next annual meeting. Chairman – Robert Mees, Vice-Chairman – Lawrence Wooden, Secretary – Rex Duncan and Treasurer – Rex Duncan. Following discussion, the motion carried.

**Resolution No. 17-001 – A Preliminary Inducement Resolution on behalf of the City of Herrin in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000** - Staff provided information on the project. The City of Herrin is planning to issue a SIDA bond to refund outstanding General Obligation Bonds previously issued for water and sewer improvements. These existing bonds do not possess the State of Illinois Income Tax Exemption. Bonds issued by SIDA have this power that will yield a reduced rate of interest on the bond. The City of Herrin, Illinois is a city in Williamson County, Illinois that has a population of approximately 12,500. Herrin is par of the Carbondale-Marion-Herring Combined Statistical Area (CSA) with 123,272 residents, which is the sixth most populous CSA in Illinois. The settlement of Herrin started out as scattered settlers on Herring's Prairie named for the first permanent settler Isaac Herring, a Baptist preacher. Later, his son-in-law David Herrin arrived and the similarity in names led to the eventual shortening of the name to just Herrin's Prairie. Isaac Herring entered the first land in what became Herrin on 4 November 1816, two years before Illinois became a state. He paid \$2 an acre for the 160 acres.

Thereupon, Chairman Robert Mees presented and read the Ordinance. Vice-Chairman Wooden moved and Member Dougherty seconded that the Ordinance as presented be adopted. Following discussion, Chairman Robert Mees directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the ordinance.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Jeff Doherty, Rex Duncan, Ron Ellis, Joe Griggs, Kathy Lively, Tony Mason, Robert Mees, Larry Richards, Bobby Toler, Jr., Kim Watson and Lawrence Wooden.

The following members voted NAY: none. The following members were absent: Michael Burton, Jerel Childers, Randall Crocker, Hervey Davis, Ernie Henshaw, Monte Russell, Kelly Stewart and Ronnie White. WHEREUPON, Chairman Robert Mees declared the motion carried and the Ordinance adopted and did direct the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Authority.

**Election of Officers and Appointment of Executive Director**- It was moved and seconded to appoint Andrew Hamilton and Jeff Torricelli both as Executive Director. Following discussion, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Rex Duncan, Secretary/Treasurer