

**Minutes of the
Meeting of the Board of Directors of the
Southern Illinois Economic Development Authority
December 1, 2022
Marion, Illinois**

Members Present

Rex Duncan, Member, Perry County
Tiffany George, Member, Pulaski County
Joe Griggs, Member, Alexander County
Kathy Lively, Member, Governor (Williamson)
Robert Mees, Member, Governor (Williamson)
Lee Messersmith, Member, Franklin County
Steven Mitchell, Member, Jackson County
Larry Richards, Member, Pope County
Aaron Smith, Member, Williamson County
Kelly Stewart, Member, Governor (Franklin)
Kim Watson, DCEO Designee
Stewart Weisenberger, Member, Massac County
Jimi Williams-Cox, Member, Saline County

Members Absent

Randy Drone, Member, Gallatin County
David Gould, Member, Union County
David Holder, Member, Randolph County
James Nighswander, Johnson County

Others Present

Warren Ribley, Executive Director
Andrew Hamilton, Assistant Executive Director
Jeff Torricelli, Government Relations
Ronni Norton, Marketing Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m. Roll call was made identifying that a quorum was present. It was moved by Member Mitchell and seconded by Member Richards to approve the agenda. Following discussion, the motion carried. A motion was made by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Lively to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2022, Board meeting and all other board meetings. Following discussion, the motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was suspended.

Resolution No. 22-004 – **A Final Bond Resolution not to exceed \$4,000,000 on behalf of the City of Du Quoin for infrastructure improvements** – The Resolution authorizes the issuance of Government Utility Revenue Bonds in the not to exceed principal amount of \$4,000,000; authorizes the execution and delivery of a loan agreement, a bond purchase agreement, an assignment and agreement, a tax exemption certificate and agreement, and related documents; authorizes the distribution of a preliminary official statement and official statement, and other related matters. The City of Du Quoin will undertake a major upgrade to the drinking water storage and delivery

systems and to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. These upgrades will require the repair and replacement of mechanical and electrical systems as well as new construction. The initial projects will require slightly over nine million dollars in funding. Approximately four million dollars of that funding is proposed to be financed through a revenue bond issued by SIDA. A portion of the Drinking Water Storage and Delivery Systems will be funded by a four million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, to construct a new water tower in the Industrial Park. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is approaching twenty years of age, and it requires a series of upgrades to its mechanical, electrical and control systems which will ensure that it operates with the best available technology for another twenty years.

A motion was made by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Weisenberger to adopt Resolution 22-004 as presented.

Following discussion, thereupon, Chairman Mees directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Rex Duncan, Tiffany George, Joe Griggs, Kathy Lively, Robert Mees, Lee Messersmith, Steven Mitchell, Larry Richards, Kelly Stewart, Aaron Smith, Kim Watson, Stewart Weisenberger, and Jimi Williams-Cox. The following members voted NAY: None. The following members abstained: None. The following members were absent: Randy Drone, David Gould, David Holder, and James Nighswander. Whereupon Chairman Robert Mees declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted and did direct the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Authority.

Resolution No. 22-005 – A Final Bond Resolution not to exceed \$11,500,000 on behalf of the Marshall Browning Hospital for refinancing of existing debt and expansion of facilities. The Resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of Hospital Revenue Bonds in the not to exceed principal amount of \$11,500,000; authorizes the execution and delivery of a trust indenture, loan agreement, a bond purchase agreement, a tax exemption certificate and agreement, and related documents; authorizes the distribution of a preliminary official statement and official statement and authorizing and approving other related matters. The Marshall Browning Hospital is planning capital improvements to their Rehabilitation Building, the Marshall Browning Estates (Estates) building and additional parking. The 7,770 square foot expansion to the Rehabilitation Building will allow the Cardiac Rehab to move to the Main Hospital providing a greater open area for physical rehab activities. The Estates Building is a 22,000 sq ft 22-unit independent living building. Plans call for renovations to the north wing into doctor offices and exam rooms. The total project size is approximately \$11,000,000 and will retain 196 jobs. The Marshall Browning Hospital is a 501c3 not for profit corporation. The hospital has experienced multiple expansions and improvements and is licensed as a critical access Hospital.

A motion was made by Member Duncan and seconded by Member Jimi Cox-Williams to adopt Resolution 22-005, as amended on the agenda to reflect not to exceed \$11,500,000 (rather than \$10,000,000).

Following discussion, thereupon, Chairman Mees directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: Rex Duncan, Tiffany George, Joe Griggs, Kathy Lively, Robert Mees, Lee Messersmith, Steven Mitchell, Larry Richards, Kelly Stewart, Aaron Smith, Kim Watson, Stewart Weisenberger, and Jimi Williams-Cox. The following members voted NAY: None. The following members abstained: None. The

following members were absent: Randy Drone, David Gould, David Holder, and James Nighswander. Whereupon Chairman Robert Mees declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted and did direct the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Authority.

Discussion was held with the Members regarding potential projects underway in the region that could potentially be assisted by the Authority. Following the discussion and with no further business to come before the Authority, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Mitchell and seconded by Member Richards. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Kathy Lively, Secretary