

SIMAPC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM

City of Fairview Heights Council Meeting Room A

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Herb Simmons at 6:02 PM. The members present were as follows:

3. Roll Call:

Herb Simmons	Present	Adam Walden	Present	Bernard Myers	Present
Randy Bolle	Present	Dave Tanzyus	Present	Brad Criner	Not Present
Dave Meyer	Present	Dennis Wilmsmeyer	Not Present	Brad Knothoff	Present
Roy Mosley Jr.	Not Present	George Green	Present	Eric Brammeier	Present
Norm Etling	Not Present	Aaron Metzger	Not Present	Gerald Brockmeier	Not Present
Mark Kupsy	Present	Ronnie White	Present	Pam Poetker	Not Present
Chris Slusser	Present	Susan Harbaugh	Present	Ann Schroeder	Present
Paul Nicolussi	Not Present	Dave Holder	Not Present		

Total:14 Present (Quorum 12)

Also present were David Schneidewind, Legal Counsel, Linda Tragesser, Acting Executive Director SIMAPC, Tom Miller, Grant Writer and Administrator, SIMAPC, Wendy Pfeil, Executive Director Candidate.

4. **Public Comment:** No attendees were present for public comment.

Order of Business:

5. **Approve Minutes of 2/26/25:** Mark Kupsy moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Dave Tanzyus seconded the motion. Votes were unanimous to approve the minutes.

6. **Financial Report:** February and March 2025 Financials YTD Report was reviewed. A motion to approve the report was brought forth by Chris Slusser and seconded by Mark Kupsy. Votes were unanimous to approve the presentation of the February and March 2025 YTD financials report.

7. Approve and Pay Bills: A motion to approve and pay bills for March and April 2025 was brought forth by Dave Tanzyus and seconded by Susan Harbaugh. Votes were unanimous to approve the motion.

8. Executive Director Report: Linda Tragesser, Acting Executive Director, informed the Committee that Mark Kern, St. Clair County Board Chairman submitted a letter dated April 7, 2025, to SIMAPC requesting an invoice (\$30,000) for SIMAPC 2025 Membership Dues and a copy of SIMAPC'S 2024 Annual Report. Linda prepared and submitted a response to this request on April 21, 2025.

Old Business:

9a. Projects & IEPA Updates: Tom Miller presented a brief update on all the current grant projects and gave a brief explanation of the Illinois EPA NPDES Permits Update Report.

9b. EDA Action Plan Updates: An update was given on the EDA Action Plan. A third meeting of the CEDS Executive Committee was held virtually on March 20, 2025 and a fourth virtual meeting was conducted on April 17, 2025. CEDS Public Outreach meetings were conducted in Clinton, Bond, Madison, and Washington Counties. A list of meeting dates and venues was included in the April 23, 2025 Executive Board Meeting Packet.

9c. Search for new Executive Director Update: Mark Kupsky gave an update on the search for a new Executive Director. Mark reported that the search committee received thirteen applications and that three candidates were selected for interviews. The candidate interviews were conducted in March and April of 2025. A potential candidate has been selected and was presented at the April 23, 2025 meeting.

New Business:

10 a. Discussion of the Executive Director selection process and a motion to hire selected candidate: Mark Kupsky gave an overview of the three candidates selected for interviews and reported that Wendy Pfeil had been selected and has been tentatively offered the position pending SIMAPC Executive Committee approval. Wendy was brought into the meeting by Mark Kupsky and the Executive Committee members were given the opportunity to ask her questions. Wendy then left the room at 6:15 and after a brief discussion, Mark