



# MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission  
Virtual Meeting  
4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2023

## MINUTES

### **Present:**

Erica Austin, Commissioner  
Charlene Aaron, Commissioner  
Ryan Croke, President  
Aaron Gurnsey, Vice President

Joe Hurwitz, Secretary  
Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner  
Norm Sims, Commissioner  
John Stremsterfer, Commissioner

**Staff Support:** Abby Powell

**Absent:** Rex Brown (Commissioner), Gurpreet Mander (Commissioner), Ramona Metzger (Treasurer)

**Other Guests:** Gail O'Neill (Sangamon County), Michelle Ownbey (Enos Park Development), Jerry Kruse (SIU), Matt Fry (St John's Hospital), Michelle Clatfelter (Springfield Clinic), Jim Langfelder (City of Springfield)

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### **1. Call to order and roll call**

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above.

Dr. Aaron introduced the St. John's Hospital new president, Matt Fry

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2022, Commission meeting**

On a motion by Commissioner GURNESEY, seconded by Commissioner SIMS, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting.

### **3. Financial Report:**

POWELL briefly reviewed the financial reports for November and December 2022.

CROKE made a motion to approve the financial reports as submitted, with a second by GURNSEY and unanimous approval by all present.

### **4. Stakeholder Updates:**



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- Michelle Ownbey/ Enos Park Development: City Council unanimously approved purchase of Enos Park properties. City is putting together a housing council to review requests for purchase of the lots, but no details yet. The neighborhood plans to stay involved.

## 5. Public Comment:

- None.

## 6. Old Business

- MIMD Funding for housing included in state budget bill – Needs to be used this fiscal year, or we will need to request re-appropriation. There was discussion among the commissioners about the use of funds. Mayor Langfelder offered the City's Grant Coordinator to help navigate the process. STREMSSTERFER expressed a preference to use the funds this fiscal year and suggested a that a successful in-progress project could provide a proof of concept that may earn additional funding in future years. SIMS cautioned the Commission to first review the Act for permitted uses.
- Master Plan for Downtown and Mid-Illinois Medical District – STREMSSTERFER shared that the next step is presentation to City Council.
- Bi-Annual Report – CROKE issued an invitation to all commissioners and stakeholders to submit ideas for Bi-Annual Report.

## 7. New business

- Adirondack Project – Vic Salerno provided an overview of the proposed housing project: 136 units of market rate housing on the southern edge of the medical district. Working with the City to use TIF funds, with intent to close on the property in early spring. Mr. Salerno also gave a brief overview of his previous development experience in other communities.
- Statements of Economic Interest - reminder to commissioners to confirm addresses.
- 2023 Meeting Schedule – Second Thursday of even-numbered months: February 9, April 13, June 8, August 10, October 12, December 14

## 8. Adjourn

On a motion from President CROKE, Second by GURNSEY, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary