

**MINUTES OF THE  
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, July 27, 2005, 3:30 P.M.  
Scott County Administration Building  
Sixth Floor Conference Room  
428 Western Avenue  
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Schwiebert – Chair, Austin, Becker, Bohnsack, Brooke, Burns, Dean, Freemire, Harris, Heninger, Lawrence, Lohse, McGivern, Minard, O'Brien, Oberhaus, Ripperger, Rock well, Spring, Sunderbruch, Tank, Thodos, Volz, Washburn, Wilkinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adams, Adamson, Carlson, Hillman, Howard, Malvik, McDaniel, Rangel, Sherwin, Welvaert, Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: LeeCelske, Mayor of Aledo; Kathy Morris, Waste Commission of Scott County; Lavene Payne, Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency

STAFF PRESENT: Boesen, Bulat, Connors, McCullough, Miller, Moritz, Siddall

Chair Schwiebert called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. Chair Schwiebert introduced and welcomed Chuck Austin, City Council member with the City of Rock Island, and Hap Volz, Community Citizen Representative, as new Commissioners. Chair Schwiebert also requested Ms. Bulat introduce Darien Siddall, a new Bi-State Regional Commission staff member.

1. Approval of the June 22, 2005 Minutes. Mr. Oberhaus moved approval of minutes of the June 22, 2005 meeting. Mr. Becker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report. Mr. Harris presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 30, 2005, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$844,717.61. Mr. Harris moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor O'Brien seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mr. Malvik presented the bills totaling \$49,807.75, as listed on the following addendum and bills listing dated July 27, 2005:

Addendum

Bancard, VISA, charge card expenses related to Northwest Municipal      \$1,379.51  
Golf Outing (Costs reimbursed by participants), Chief Elected Officials

Meeting (costs reimbursed by participants), 1 staff attending the Iowa Counties Information Technology Conference	
Tamme Schaefer, CORA reimbursement	580.00
URS Corporation, IAQC Transit Alternatives Analysis costs	32,904.34

Corrections –

Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer, (previously listed as \$6,049.55), Group Wise Maintenance, 7/1/05 – 6/30/06 (\$490.05)	6,539.60
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**Bills List**

CDW-G, computer software upgrades	1,353.80
Iowa Association of Regional Councils, membership dues for FY05-06	2,300.00
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer	
8/05    Rent	\$4,165.96
8/05    Internet Access	88.00
6/05    Printing	609.31
6/05    Supplies	183.28
6/05    Postage	1,003.00
Lantech of America, Inc., technical support for server and network service	1,500.00
Thomas A Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services	3,250.50

Mr. Heninger moved approval of the bills totaling \$49,807.75, as presented above. Ms. Ripperger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

h. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2005 Program Budget as of June 30, 2005.

Ms. Connors explained the Program Budget Status Report was included in the Agenda packet. The Commission is 100% through the fiscal year with 92.4% expended and well within budget.

4. Consideration of the following Contracts and Grants. Ms. Bulat reviewed the following items which require Commission approval:

- Contract with Rock Island County for administration of an Illinois Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation Grant. The grant is in the amount of \$18,854 for the period 5/15/05 through 6/30/07.
- Contract with the Cities of Bettendorf and Davenport and River Bend Transit for actual costs beginning 7/1/05 for expenses related to the Transit Project Manager.
- Grant with the Association of Metropolitan Planning organizations in the amount of \$25,000 with \$25,000 matching PL funds for the Innovation in Safety and security in Transportation Planning Incentive Grant Program and covers the period 9/1/05 through 8/31/05.

- Grant application and resolution to the Economic Development administration for economic development activities. The grant is in the amount of \$8,263 to be match by \$8,263 in Commission local funds for the period 7/1/05 through 6/30/06.

Ms. Dean moved approval of the contracts and grants as present above. Mr. Minard seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Report on Activities in Solid Waste Management and Planning by the Solid Waste Coordinators in the Bi-State Region. Mr. Boesen reported on Solid Waste activities in the Bi-State Region and Henry, Mercer and Rock Island County.

Mr. Boesen reported that the Bi-State Waste Coalition consists of solid waste coordinators for Cedar, Clinton, Dubuque, Jackson, Muscatine, and Scott Counties in Iowa, and Henry and Rock Island Counties in Illinois. Bi-State staff coordinates and schedules quarterly meetings with these solid waste coordinators to collectively network, share information and coordinate solid waste activities in the two state region.

Mr. Boesen stated that during the past year, Henry County completed the annual recycling survey report and filed these documents with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (ILEPA). The ILEPA has issued the Atkinson Landfill Company a development permit for a proposed landfill at Atkinson, Illinois. The Henry County Solid Waste Coordinator has been reviewing the various administrative/management documents and developing a tipping fee and host agreements with Henry County, the Village of Atkinson and Atkinson Landfill Company, Inc. The landfill hopes to open for business in fall 2005. Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc. opened a new recycling facility in Galva, Illinois to collect and process recycling materials from Henry County. The City of Kewanee continues to operate a municipal waste transfer station and Henry County continues to implement ongoing litter control and illegal dumping abatement programs.

Mr. Boesen informed Commissioners that Mercer County is a member of the Tri-County Resource and Waste Management Council located in Macomb, Illinois and receives waste management services from them. In April 2005, the ILEPA, the Mercer County Board, the Aledo Exchange Club and the Tri-County Resource and Waste Management Council conducted a very successful one-day Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronics Collection Event in Aledo. A total of 1,094 households participated in the event. Approximately 335 E-waste items and 198 #55 gallon drums of HHW material were collected at this event. Community clean-up days, litter control and illegal dumping abatement programs continue to be a major focus in Mercer County.

Mr. Boesen stated that the Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) contracts with the Bi-State Regional Commission to provide solid waste management, administration and education services to its member governments within Rock Island County Illinois. RICWMA provides a free curbside pick-up program for

household appliances, a curbside pick-up program for residential used tires, a household hazardous waste disposal program in conjunction with the Waste Commission of Scott County and operates five drop-off recycling sites located in East Moline, Milan, Moline, and Rock Island. These programs are provided for the benefit of all residents in Rock Island County. Currently, the drop-off recycling program has been averaging between 210-220 tons of recycled material per month. This past spring, RICWMA conducted an annual recycling survey which indicated that the Rock Island County recycling rate has risen to 26.3% during the past year. Last October, RICWMA and the City of Silvis sponsored a special ILEPA One-Day Hazardous Waste Collection Event held at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds. This event turned out to be the largest event ILEPA held in the State of Illinois during the past year. A total of 2,300 households participated in the event. Seven semi truckloads, with a total of 440 #55 gallon drums, including over 30 gallons of mercury, and various other toxic household hazardous waste materials were collected and properly disposed of as a result of this event. The total disposal cost to the ILEPA was \$133,118.75, which benefited the residents of Rock Island County. RICWMA also funded and sponsored Rock Island Clean and Beautiful (RICAB) to partner with Keep Scott County Beautiful and conduct a one-day “Waste-in-Place” elementary school teacher training workshop. A total of 73 area teachers attended this training and were provided with a complete waste and recycling curriculum for their classrooms. This year, RICWMA is planning to sponsor a fall 2005 and a spring 2006 tour, with 12 school assembly programs per tour, featuring Timothy Wenk's, “The Magic of Recycling” show. Mr. Wenk’s shows have won national awards and uses magic, comedy and mini-drama skits to promote and teach environmental awareness and recycling to students in grades K-4. Additionally, RICWMA is working with the Waste Commission of Scott County to explore electronic waste disposal options for Rock Island County residents.

Mr. Lavene Payne, Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency, reported that Muscatine County is currently landfilling over two formerly closed landfill ravines. These two ravines had been over grazed by the land owner and the previous landfill caps were badly damaged. The County is now rebuilding the slopes to current standards and will recap the ravines. In addition, the County is excavating for a new landfill cell and using the clay taken from the excavations as daily cover material. The actual new cell construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2006. The Muscatine County Conservation Board opened a new learning center at Discovery Park this past spring. The County Solid Waste Agency is partnering with the Conservation Board to conduct grade school tours and other education efforts at the new learning center facility.

Ms. Kathy Morris, Waste Commission of Scott County, reported on solid waste activities in Scott County. The Waste Commission of Scott County has begun a new construction and demolition recycling project and has completed construction of the new electronic waste recycling facility. These programs are now operational; however, the shredding equipment for the electronics facility won't be delivered and installed until September. The northern landfill expansion evaluations and designs are now completed. The new design provides for six new cells and will provide landfill

capacity for an additional 50 years. The former Brady Street landfill site is being evaluated concerning its current condition, as well as for potential uses of the property that would compliment the development in the surrounding area. The Waste Commission continues with ongoing public education programs and will be conducting a multi-media campaign to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of curbside recycling. They have ongoing landfill and facility tours and conduct waste and recycling presentations as requested. Keep Scott County Beautiful (KSCB) is coordinating and is planning the annual X-Stream Clean-up event for August 20-27<sup>th</sup> this year. They conduct other community clean-up events, as well as illegal dumping and anti-litter programs. They will be celebrating volunteerism by hosting a KSCB “Night at the Swing” at John O’Donnell Stadium on August 26, 2005.

Following the presentation, the panel took questions regarding solid waste management.

6. Questions and Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.
7. Other Business. Ms. Bulat reported that the Transportation Bill is due within the next couple of days, and a two day extension was placed on TEA-21. Ms. Bulat stated that the Transportation budget was announced to be \$286 billion, that is \$2 billion more that originally estimated.

Ms. Bulat informed Commissioners that Senators Durbin and Obama will be at the Illinois Quad City Chamber to make an announcement on the I-74 project at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Bulat reported that \$50 million was requested for the I-74 bridge project.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Oberhaus  
Secretary