

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

Wednesday, February 22, 2006, 3:30 P.M.
Scott County Administration Building
Sixth Floor Conference Room
428 Western Avenue
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Schwiebert – Chair, Adams, Becker, Burns, Celske, Dean, Dumas, Freemire, Frink, Gallin, Harris, Heninger, Lawrence, Malvik, Minard, Nicholson, O'Brien, Oberhaus, Rockwell, Sherwin, Spring, Sunderbruch, Tank, Volz, Winborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Austin, Bohnsack, Hillman, Rangel, Ripperger, Thodos, Washburn, Welvaert, Wilkinson, Williams, Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Norma Wren, Mayor of Riverdale

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Connors, Hunt, McCullough, Miller, Schmedding

Chair Schwiebert called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Chair Schwiebert introduced new Commissioner Ian Frink.

1. Approval of the January 25, 2006 Minutes. Mayor Freemire moved approval of the minutes of the January 25, 2006 meeting, as written and mailed. Mayor O'Brien seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report. Mr. Harris presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2006, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$492,682.30. Mr. Harris moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Ms. Dean seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mr. Malvik presented the bills totaling \$91,427.59, as listed on the following addendum and bills listing dated February 22, 2006:

Addendum

Bancard, VISA, charge card expenses related to one staff attending the Achieving Your Highest Priorities conference; one staff attending the 2006 Iowa Bicycle Summit; one staff attending the How to Be a Dynamic Trainer seminar; airfare to attend the Washington D.C. trip; Urban Transportation Policy Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Mayors & County Board Chairs Dinner meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Managers & Administrators meeting (cost reimbursed by participants) 1,329.37

Correction –

Quad-City Times (previously listed as \$1,083.27), public hearings (\$28.32) 1,111.59

Bills List

CTA Communications, Inc., progress billing for Iowa Quad City study of dispatch services and record keeping consolidation	\$10,247.00
Environmental Systems Research Inst., license maintenance, upgrades and technical support for ArcView computer software	1,600.00
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer	6,065.72
03/06 Rent \$4,165.96	
03/06 Internet Access 88.00	
01/06 Printing 502.70	
01/06 Supplies 94.80	
01/06 Postage 1,214.26	
Moline Dispatch Publishing Company, L.L.C., advertising for Planner position and Public hearing	783.37
Quad-City Times, advertising for the Planner position and QC Times subscription	1,083.27
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	1,980.00
Spotts, Stevens and McCoy, Inc., progress billing for Illinois Quad Cities Communication Technology Strategic Planning Effort and Assessment	24,000.00
URS Corporation, progress billing for IAQC Transit Alternatives Analysis costs	44,310.54

Mr. Malvik moved approval of the bills totaling \$91,427.59, as presented above. Mayor Celske seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2006 Program Budget as of January 31, 2006.
 Mr. Malvik explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 58.3% through the fiscal year with 56.0% expended and within budget.

- 4. Presentation of Draft 2035 Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McCullough, Planning Director, reported that transportation is important in the Quad City Area for moving people, as well as goods and services. The 2035 Quad City Area Transportation Long Range Plan (LRP) draft is under public review through March 2, 2006 with five public hearings held in February 2006 in the cities of Bettendorf, Davenport, East Moline, Moline, and Rock Island. The LRP examines metropolitan area transportation needs through 2035. It addresses multiple modes of transportation for the movement of goods and people – highway, rail, water, air, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian. It also examines issues of technology, environment, congestion, and financial feasibility.

Ms. McCullough highlighted the Quad City Area transportation needs and the public input to date. Transportation planning is to be comprehensive, continuing, and coordinated. Key elements of the plan emphasize preserving the existing transportation system for modes of transportation. Over 70% of the funding expected to be spent on the transportation system

will be put toward system maintenance, repair, and preservation. Other elements of the plan emphasize offering choices and mobility, such as providing public transit and trails or a sidewalk network for commuting and for travel to area attractions. A transportation system promoting access and connections between modes is also important, such as having bicycle racks on buses, or intersections with sidewalks that accommodate persons of disability or elderly persons, or container freight terminals that handle rail, truck and/or barge commodities. Mitigating environmental impacts, plus early and on-going coordination with natural resource agencies and social services is a component of the Plan. Ultimately, the Plan identifies \$5.2 billion in transportation needs that require funding from various local, state and federal sources. There are over 100 new or expanded roadway improvements, 40 multi-purpose trails and transit alternatives noted in the 2035 LRP. The key to implementation will be working together to meet the overall goals of the system:

- Support economic vitality;
- Increase safety and security;
- Increase accessibility and mobility options;
- Protect and enhance the environment;
- Enhance connectivity and integration of modes;
- Promote efficient system management; and
- Emphasize system preservation.

Ms. McCullough informed Commissioners that the 2035 LRP is available for review at the main public libraries in Bettendorf, Davenport, East Moline, Moline and Rock Island; as well as online at www.bistateonline.org with an e-comment form. At the four public hearings, there have been over 30 people in attendance and the web page views of the Plan amount to 130 views since January 2006. The final public hearing is scheduled for February 23, 2006 at the Martin Luther King Center in Rock Island, 7:00-8:30 p.m. The Bi-State Regional Commission will consider the 2035 LRP for adoption at its March 22, 2006 meeting.

5. Data Services Overview. Mr. Hunt, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the Data Services Program, followed by a brief presentation on corrected population and housing figures from the U.S. Census Bureau. Mr. Hunt informed the Commissioners that the objective of Bi-State's Data Services Center was, *"to provide timely and accurate demographic, economic, and other information to local governments, Information Service Members, non-profits, and the general public.*

Mr. Hunt reported that the Bi-State Data Center tracks and provides the following types of data: population censuses, economics and employment, transportation, pre-published maps and other internally generated data. The Data Services Center handles more than 40 data requests per month and provides 240 hours of direct assistance to the Bi-State Region per year. Roughly 30% of Data Center requests come from local governments. Another 28% come from businesses, while 20% come from area non-profits, such as development agencies, chambers of commerce and service oriented charities. The remainder of requests generally come from private citizens and academic institutions.

Mr. Hunt stated that for more than 10 years, Bi-State has offered a subscription program to local businesses that frequently need data assistance. Subscription fees collected through the Information Services Membership program allow Bi-State to provide a level of data

assistance to private businesses that is similar to what member governments receive. Currently Bi-State has ten Information Services Members ranging from local banks and real estate companies to healthcare companies and newspaper publishers.

Mr. Hunt continued his presentation by explaining how the Census Bureau collects and distributes population and housing corrections to the decennial census. Mr. Hunt explained that communities have approximately three years after the decennial census to challenge the Census Bureau's findings. The Bureau's Count Question Resolution (CQR) program only addresses coding and allocation errors that occurred during the census. The CQR program does not allow for recounts. Additionally, only population and housing data can be changed under the CQR program. Data related to race, gender, age, education, etc. are not changed after the decennial census is published, even if a community's total population figure is updated under the CQR program. Mr. Hunt directed the Commissioners to a handout that detailed the CQR program and listed 1990 and 2000 Census corrections. To conclude the presentation, Mr. Hunt answered technical questions regarding the CQR program.

6. Questions and Comments by Commissioners. Mr. Becker inquired whether the Amtrak service through the Quad Cities is dead. Ms. Bulat reported that it is still noted in the Long Range Plan and the information is still included in briefing papers that are used in Washington and Springfield, however passenger rail service has not been a priority at the federal level.
7. Other Business. There was no other business.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Oberhaus
Secretary