

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

Wednesday, August 22, 2007, 3:30 P.M.
Scott County Administration Building
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Malvik – Finance Chair, Austin, Breecher, Dean, Eccher, Heninger, Kelly, McDaniel, Minard, Rangel, Ripperger, Schwiebert, Sherwin, Spring, Tank, Thodos, Volz, Washburn, Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Becker, Bohnsack, Brooke, Dumas, Freemire, Gallin, Harris, Hillman, Lawrence, O’Brien, Rockwell, Sunderbruch, Tossell, Welvaert, Wilkinson, Williams, Winborn

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Liegois, Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency, Kathy Morris, Waste Commission of Scott County

Finance Chair Malvik called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

1. Approval of the July 25, 2007 Minutes. Ms. Dean moved approval of the minutes of the July 25, 2007 meeting as written and mailed. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ms. Connors presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2007, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$489,207.65. Ms. Kelly moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Ms. Ripperger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mr. Malvik presented the bills totaling \$177,102.78, as listed on the following addendum and bills listing dated August 22, 2007:

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to one staff attending Procurement Series I-Orientation to Transit Procurement; two staff attending the Human Services Transportation Plan Coordinator Informational Training; computer supplies	1,475.81
Illinois Association of Regional Councils, membership dues	1,600.00
Quad City Development Group, expenditures of the National Emergency Grant	33,081.02
Rock Island Tri-County Consortium, Rock Island County NEG (National Emergency Grant) administration and programs expense	941.00

Silver Oaks Communications, Quad City Region Workforce Video, paid for with National Emergency Grant	25,332.50
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost Reimbursed by MUNICES)	2,200.00
Disbursement of funds for the following Revolving Loan Program Loan: Hilltop Hardware, L.L.C.	100,000.00

Bills List

CDW-G, ADOBE software	1,189.00
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer	6,951.44
9/07 Rent	\$4,165.96
9/07 Internet Access	88.00
7/07 Postage	1,265.09
7/07 Printing	1,328.80
7/07 Supplies	103.59
Rock Island County Emergency Telephone System Board, reimburse for check deposited in Bi-State's account in error	4,332.01

Mr. Tank moved approval of the bills totaling \$177,102.78 as presented above.
Mr. Breecher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2008 Program Budget as of July 31, 2007.
Mr. Malvik explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 8.3% through the fiscal year with 7.7% expended and within budget.

4. Consideration of the following Contract. Ms. Bulat requested approval of the following contracts over \$7,500 that require Commission approval:
- Contract with the City of Colona for a Comprehensive Plan. The contract is in the amount of \$8,686 for the period 9/1/07 - 9/30/08.

Ms. Kelly moved the Bi-State Regional Commission approve the contract as described above. Ms. Sherwin 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 explained that staff from Bi-State Regional Commission (BSRC) coordinates and schedules quarterly meetings of the Bi-State Waste Coalition (BSWC) for the purposes of regional planning, coordination of solid waste activities, and coordinator networking opportunities for the two-state region. The coalition consists of solid waste coordinators for Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Muscatine, and Scott Counties in Iowa, and Henry and Rock Island Counties in Illinois.

Mr. Boesen reported that during the past year, Henry County completed the annual Recycling Survey Report and filed these documents with the Illinois EPA. The recycling volume increased from 1,740 tons in 2002 to 2,527 tons in 2006. In April 2007, the County hosted an Illinois EPA Household Hazardous Waste collection event. Henry County continues to monitor progress on the Atkinson

Landfill expansion project and implement ongoing litter control and illegal dumping abatement programs. The City of Kewanee continues to operate a municipal waste transfer station.

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 through this agency. Residents receive recycling collection and processing services through Eagle Enterprises of Galva, Illinois and Jackson Disposal of Seaton, Illinois. Ongoing community clean-up days, litter control, and illegal dumping abatement programs are still a major focus in the County.

Mr. Boesen stated that the Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) was authorized and organized by the County in 1992, and contracts with BSRC to provide administration and staffing services for all of the solid waste management programs and educational services in Rock Island County. Scientific Recycling, Inc. provides free curbside collection of discarded household appliances and residential used tires. City Carton Recycling provides five county-wide drop-off recycling sites located in East Moline, Moline, Rock Island, and Milan to be used by all County residents. Also, RICWMA and the Waste Commission of Scott County have entered into cooperative agreements to provide an ongoing household hazardous waste disposal program and a new e-waste disposal program. This past May, they sponsored a special one-day electronic waste (e-waste) collection event at the Rock Island County Fairgrounds. During this event, 1,080 vehicles, from 1,126 households, were processed; 104,129 pounds of bulk electronic materials and 80 large console TVs were collected.

During FY 06, RICWMA initiated a new Solid Waste Assistance Grant program for its member governments. The program is designed to assist member communities in dealing with solid waste management issues and expanding recycling and public education activities.

Mr. Boesen reported that the City of Moline recently began exploring the possibility of initiating a curbside recycling program. After conducting a formal RFP process and a detailed proposal review, the City Council authorized contract negotiations to begin with Midland Davis. Pending final council approval, possibly as early as September, a target startup date for this program is spring 2008.

Ms. Laura Liegois reported that Muscatine County continues its partnership with City Carton Recycling for the collection and processing of recycled materials for the Muscatine County area. During FY 07, 6,820 tons of material were processed. A new Subtitle D landfill cell will be constructed in September 2008. A Household Hazardous Waste program was established with the Waste Commission of Scott County, and 3,000 pounds of material were collected and processed during the past fiscal year. A special one-day e-waste collection for Muscatine County residents was conducted on August 25, 2007. The County continues with several ongoing public education programs addressing solid waste/recycling, storm water management, illegal dumping, and littering issues.

Ms. Kathy Morris reported that the Waste Commission of Scott County's new construction and demolition debris recycling project is fully operational and has recycled over 7,000 tons of the material since 2005. The e-waste recycling facility has established annual contracts with RICWMA and the Metro Waste Authority, and conducted several one-day e-waste collection events in both Iowa and Illinois. The landfill recently installed a new methane gas collection system and commission staff has been actively involved in the IDNR landfill rule revision process. The Waste Commission and BSWC are currently in the process of reviewing and updating the regional comprehensive plan. Ongoing public education

programs include a regional e-waste publication, ongoing website development and maintenance, conducting landfill and facility tours, and waste and recycling presentations as requested. Keep Scott County Beautiful (KSCB) coordinated the annual X-Stream Clean-up event held on August 18, 2007.

They conduct other community clean-up events, as well as illegal dumping and anti-litter programs. They celebrated volunteerism by hosting a KSCB “Night at the Swing” at John O’Donnell Stadium on August 25, 2007.

6. Update on Office of Economic Adjustment Grant to Address Base Realignment and Closure. Ms. Bulat reported that Bi-State has been involved for the past year in working on a \$2.7 million grant application with the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). It was hoped that these funds would allow the implementation of new RLF programs to assist in business related projects that would employ displaced workers from the Island; however, the OEA has informed staff that this project is not eligible for funding. It has therefore been determined that there will be three studies completed to determine the following: marketing programs that will attract or enhance business expansion for financial/IT and logistics sectors; strategic planning for the entire five to seven county region for economic development activities; and ways to finance a new RLF program. Matching funds will be provided with hours of work performed by Bi-State Regional Commission, Economic Development staff of member governments, and Quad City Development Group staff. The total grant is now expected to be around \$270,000 - \$300,000.
7. Questions and Comments by Commissioners. Ms. Sherwin shared information with the Commissioners regarding the NAACP Conference coming to the Quad Cities for the first time and stated that their goal is to have all local officials come to the conference. There will be 300-400 members in attendance from all across the State of Illinois. The event will take place October 12-14 at the I-Wireless Center.
8. Other Business. Ms. McCullough reported that the current threshold for ozone is 84 parts per billion (ppb) with the Quad City Area three-year average (2004-2006) being 68 ppb, roughly 80% of the standard. Much of the improvement has come in connection with national emission reduction strategies and mandates being implemented. Should thresholds be reduced, further nationwide reduction measures would have to be put in to place to assist communities in reaching those attainment levels.
9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Nicholson
Secretary