

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

Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 3:30 P.M.  
Scott County Administration Building  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: O'Brien – Chair, Austin, Barnes, Becker, Bohnsack, Breecher, Brown, Dean, Freemire, Gallin, Goodwin, Harris, Heninger, Hillman, Lohse, Malvik, McDaniel, Meeker, Minard, Nicholson, Ripperger, Rockwell, Schwiebert, Sherwin, Sunderbruch, Tank, Thodos, Volz, Welvaert, Wilkinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Furlong, Gluba, Lawrence, Rangel, Tossell, Washburn

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Connors, McCullough, Moritz

Chair O'Brien, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Chair O'Brien recognized outgoing Commissioner Ms. Kas Kelly for her service to the Commission and presented Ms. Dean with a Certificate of Appreciation to give to Ms. Kelly. Chair O'Brien welcomed six new representatives to the Bi-State Regional Commission. The new members are Bill Gluba, Mayor of Davenport; Nathan Brown and Gene Meeker, Davenport City Aldermen; Paul Barnes, Mayor of Blue Grass; Tom Furlong, Chair of Muscatine County; and Cheryl Goodwin, Family Resources, Inc.

1. Approval of the December 19, 2007 Minutes. Mr. Nicholson moved approval of the minutes of the December 19, 2007 meeting as written and mailed. Mr. Minard seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report. Mayor Freemire presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2007, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$596,971.65. Mayor Freemire moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mr. Malvik presented the bills totaling \$92,319.75, as listed on the following addendum and bills listing dated January 23, 2008:

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to Chief Elected Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Managers & Administrators Advisory Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); computer supplies/software	\$ 1,576.29
Emergency Telephone System Board, reimbursement	4,756.09
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer, refund of Illinois Emergency Management Agency (ILEMA) funds drawn	74,751.26

Correction –  
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer (previously listed as \$5,009.22), additional invoices for printing and supplies (\$3,140.64) 8,149.86

Bills List

Illinois Association of Regional Councils, Human Services Transportation Plan contract 831.25  
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer 5,009.22  
02/08 Rent \$4,165.96  
02/08 Internet Access 88.00  
12/07 Postage 755.26  
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES) 2,255.00

Mr. Malvik moved approval of the bills totaling \$92,319.75 as presented above.  
Ms. Dean seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2008 Program Budget as of December 31, 2007.  
Mr. Malvik explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 50.0% through the fiscal year with 48.3% expended and within budget.

4. Executive Committee. Chair O’Brien reported the Executive Committee, serving as the Nominating Committee, met January 16, 2008 to recommend a slate of officers for consideration to the full Commission. The By-Laws provide that officers shall serve a term of one year — with eligibility for re-election to a second term, must be elected officials, with no more than one officer from each jurisdiction and no more than two officers from the same state. The office begins March 1, 2008. The slate nominated is:

**Chair – Don Welvaert, Mayor, Moline**  
**Vice Chair – Mike Freemire, Mayor, Bettendorf**  
**Secretary – Larry Minard, Member, Scott County Board of Supervisors**  
**Treasure – Pat Ripperger, Member, Henry County Board**

Chair O’Brien called for nominations from the floor and none were received. Mr. Harris moved approval of the slate of officers as presented. Ms. Dean seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Report on Contract Approved by the Executive Director. Ms. Bulat reported on the following contract that was approved by the Executive Director and requires no action because it was under \$7,500.
- Contract with the City of East Moline for preparation of a CDAP Application. The contract is in the amount of \$1,500 and covers the period 12/15/07 - 02/29/08.
6. Consideration of a Resolution of Support for the Appointment of Nancy Mulcahey as President of Quad City Development Group. Mayor Freemire presented a Resolution of Support for the appointment of Nancy Mulcahey as President of the Quad City Development Group. Mayor

Freemire moved approval of the resolution as presented. Mr. Wilkinson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Quad City Region Logistics Industry Roundtable. Ms. Katie Hobbs of the Quad City Development Group presented information on its Logistics Industry Roundtable and distributed a related informational folder. The Roundtable consists of industry partners — e.g., manufacturers, motor carriers, rail, barge lines, and three-party logistics — as well as representation from other governmental entities like our Chamber of Commerce partners, the Iowa DOT, and the Bi-State Regional Commission. There also has been representation from local community colleges and the Western Illinois University – Quad Cities campus in Moline as a partnership to foster a local logistics industry workforce.

Ms. Hobbs reported that the Quad City Development Group has done extensive research toward furthering the region’s economic growth, focusing upon four main industries — Advanced Manufacturing, Food Processing, Information Technology, and Logistics. Roundtables were established to further develop each of these industry targets.

The region is a strategic trade and distribution center with more than 191,000 manufacturers, 250,000 wholesale trade and warehousing operations and 622,500 retail trade establishments with a 500-mile radius or 1-2 day delivery time. Based on its proximity to Interstates 80, 88, and 74, the region provides an integral national/Midwest gateway for major industry, manufacturing, distribution, three-party logistics, and other supply chain providers.

Ms. Hobbs went on to describe the education-workforce partnership. Eastern Iowa Community College District and Black Hawk College have established logistics and warehousing curriculum and college-credit certificate programs while Western Illinois University – Quad Cities created an undergraduate curriculum and an MBA concentration in supply chain management.

Additionally, Eastern Iowa Community College District and Black Hawk College collaborated, applied for, and received a three-year, \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to further develop a more comprehensive logistics curriculum for the region in cooperation with Western Illinois University. Also, this grant allows for education within feeder groups, such as dual-credit classes in Illinois and Iowa high schools to increase young people’s interest in the field of logistics and gain their interest at an earlier age.

The Quad City Development Group Logistics Industry Roundtable helps identify the key aspects of this integrated logistics curriculum for ongoing placement of existing and future multi-trained employees as the logistics industry continues to grow in our region.

8. Bridge Construction Update. Ms. Bulat reported that there are no significant traffic restrictions expected in the 2008 construction season other than routine maintenance, such as washing and inspections. Ms. Bulat also stated that due to construction in Illinois on I-80 directly off the Mississippi River Bridge, traffic will be restricted to one lane leading in to Illinois.

Ms. Bulat reported that a handout summarizing this information will be provided by or at the next meeting.

9. Questions and Comments by Commissioners. Mayor Welvaert introduced Valerie Buckingham of the Deputy Public Affairs Office at the Garrison, Rock Island Arsenal, who is part of the leadership program on the Arsenal and will be shadowing him for a few days.
10. Other Business. There was no other business.
11. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Nicholson  
Secretary