

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

Wednesday, March 26, 2008, 3:30 P.M.  
Scott County Administration Building  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Welvaert – Chair, Austin, Barnes, Bohnsack, Breecher, Brown, Dean, Furlong, Gluba, Goodwin, Harris, Heninger, Lohse, McDaniel, Meeker, Mindard, O’Brien, Rangel, Ripperger, Rockwell, Sherwin, Sunderbruch, Thodos, Tossell, Volz, Washburn, Wilkinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Becker, Freemire, Gallin, Hillman, Lawrence, Malvik, Nicholson, Schwiebert, Tank

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Celske, Mayor, City of Aledo; Jeffrey Zogg, Service Hydrologist/Meteorologist, National Weather Service

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Connors, McCullough, Miller, Moritz, Schmedding, Snapp

Chair Welvaert called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the February 27, 2008 Minutes. Mr. Wilkinson moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2008 meeting as written and mailed. Mr. Bohnsack seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ms. Ripperger presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 29, 2008, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$668,361.84. Ms. Dean 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. Ms. Connors presented the bills totaling \$51,678.55, as listed on the following addendum and bills listing dated March 26, 2008:

City of Rock Island, ADT Phase II match	\$38,741.21
Illinois Association of Regional Councils, Human Services Transportation Plan,	831.25
Illinois Department of Transportation contract	
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer	5,518.29
04/08 Rent	\$4,165.96
04/08 Internet Access	88.00
02/08 Postage	1,217.13
02/08 Supplies	47.20
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	2,777.50

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related one staff attending the 2008 Regional Economic Development conference; one staff attending the Community Transportation Association and Employment Transportation conference; one staff attending the Rural Community Economic Development conference; Washington D.C. trip; Transportation Policy Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants) Managers & Administrators meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Iowa Intergov meeting; office supplies	1,580.03
Environmental Systems Research Institute, upgrades, maintenance, & technical support for ArcView software	1,600.00
Correction –	
City of Rock Island, (previously listed as \$38,741.21), additional invoice – Fuel Charges (\$59.37)	38,800.58
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer, (previously listed as \$5,518.29), additional invoice – copy charges (\$570.90)	6,089.19

Ms. Sherwin moved approval of the bills totaling \$51,678.55 as presented above.  
Ms. Rangel seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2008 Program Budget as of February 29, 2008.

Ms. Connors explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 66.7% through the fiscal year with 66.0% expended and within budget.

4. 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 Putnam Museum for mapping. The contract is in the amount of \$650 and covers the period 02/22/08 – 03/15/08.

5. Consideration of the following Contracts. Ms. Bulat requested approval of the following contracts over \$7,500 that require Commission approval:

- Contract with Rock Island County for Workforce Development Board Support. The contract is in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 and will be completed by June 30, 2009.

Mayor Thodos moved the Bi-State Regional Commission approve the contract as described above. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Contract with the U.S. Army Garrison – Rock Island Arsenal and the City of Rock Island for the American Discovery Trail Phase II. Costs will pass through Bi-State during the length of project construction.

Mayor Gluba moved the Bi-State Regional Commission approve the contract as described above. Mr. Volz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Acceptance of \$7,456.37 CMAP funds for rural planning efforts in Henry and Mercer Counties. Additional funds received in the amount of \$26,054.29 will be passed onto Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development/Economic Development District and North Central Illinois Council of Governments for rural planning efforts in their regions.

Mayor Thodos moved the Bi-State Regional Commission approve the contract as described above. Mr. Bohnsack seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Grant application and resolution to the Economic Development Administration for continuation of the Commission’s economic development activities. The grant is in the amount of \$154,884 to be matched by \$154,884 in Commission local funds, and covers the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

Ms. Sherwin moved the Bi-State Regional Commission approve the contract as described above. Ms. Dean seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Flood Forecast and Conditions. Mr. Jeffrey Zogg, National Weather Service, gave an overview of the spring flood outlook. He reported on risks related to minor, moderate, and major flooding probability. The Quad City Area and south along the Mississippi River are at greater risk for minor flooding this spring until mid to late April. He noted that there hasn’t been too much flooding activity on the Mississippi River since 2001. Based on the 90-day temperature and precipitation outlook, it appears the area will be normal. It doesn’t appear that the Mississippi River will crest above flood stage based on the forecasts. However, this is dependent on the speed of the snow melt north of the area. More rapid snow melt would translate into a greater risk for flooding. Flood stage at the Quad Cities on the Mississippi River is at 15 feet. Much of the localized flooding of streams and tributaries into the Mississippi River are beginning to subside with the snow melting away. For current river flooding forecasts, Mr. Zogg referred Commissioners to the National Weather Service website at [www.weather.gov/quadcities](http://www.weather.gov/quadcities).
7. Consideration of the following Transportation Activity. Ms. Gena McCullough reported that annually the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) documents for the Quad City Area and Region 9, serving rural Scott and Muscatine Counties, are revised to reflect staff activities for the coming fiscal year.

The FY2009 TPWPs are developed to aid cooperative, continuing, and comprehensive transportation planning. The documents also outline the history of transportation planning in the respective planning areas. They include budgets for transportation planning short and long range activities and delineate federal and local funds. Transportation planning represents more than 50% of the Bi-State staff efforts. In the Bi-State region, major transportation issues include:

- River Crossing and Transportation Capacity Improvements
- Congestion Management, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), and Air Quality Improvement Activities
- Passenger Rail and Intermodal Connections
- Long Range Plan Implementation and Planning
- Coordination with Human Service & Specialized Transportation Providers
- Integration of Safety and Security

With federal transportation appropriations, both the urban and Region 9 FY09 planning budgets will remain relatively flat. The Commission approved resolutions to authorize application of the federal planning grants and execute the respective grant contracts.

8. Questions and Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.
9. Other Business. Ms. Bulat gave Commissioners an update on air quality. The Iowa Quad Cities is being evaluated for non-attainment of the fine particulate standards. We will be looking into this matter. She reported that the monitor exceeding the standard is close to an industrial area, and this placement does not fairly represent the Quad Cities as a whole.

Ms. Bulat introduced new staff member Daya Snapp.

Chair Welvaert recognized Mayor O'Brien and presented him a plaque for his service as Chair of Bi-State Regional Commission.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Minard  
Secretary