

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

Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administration Building
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Freemire – Vice Chair, Austin, Barnes, Becker, Bohnsack, Dean, Eccher, Furlong, Gallin, Gluba, Lawrence, Lohse, McDaniel, Meeker, Minard, O’Brien, Rangel, Ripperger, Sherwin, Sunderbruch, Thodos, Wilkinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Breecher, Brown, Goodwin, Harris, Heninger, Hillman, Malvik, Rockwell, Schwiebert, Tank, Tossell, Volz, Washburn, Welvaert

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

STAFF PRESENT: Boesen, Bulat, Connors, Miller, Milliron, Schmedding

Vice Chair Freemire called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. Approval of the August 27, 2008 Minutes. Mayor Gluba moved approval of the minutes of the August 27, 2008 meeting as presented. Ms. Dean seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ms. Ripperger presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2008, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$628,290.03. Ms. Ripperger moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Minard seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Ms. Connors presented the bills totaling \$71,121.58, as listed on the following addendum and bills listing dated September 24, 2008:

Bills List

Clear Channel, Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program – Iowa Quad Cities Rider	\$3,150.00
Appreciation Day	
Kelly Reporting, Municipal Code Enforcement System interpreter (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	660.00
Louise A. Kerr, Treasure	6,260.59
10/08 Rent	\$4,165.96
10/08 Internet Access	88.00

08/08	Postage	1,044.09	
08/08	Printing	778.72	
08/08	Supplies	183.82	
Moline Dispatch Publishing Company, L.L.C., Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program – Iowa Quad Cities Rider Appreciation Day			2,290.00
National Development Council, Economic Development Finance Course (costs reimbursed by participants)			27,500.00
Quad City Times, Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program – Iowa Quad Cities Rider Appreciation Day			4,647.98
River Cities Reader, Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program – Iowa Quad Cities Rider Appreciation Day			712.80
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)			2,832.50

The following additions and corrections should be made to the bills listing contained in the September 24, 2008 agenda packet:

AT&T, phone service		545.56
Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to 3 staff attending the Upper Mississippi River Conference; office supplies; 1 staff attending the Illinois Public Transportation Association Fall Planning Conference; 1 staff attending the National Rural Transportation Peer Learning Conference		1,472.90
Quad City Chamber Federation, Quad City Community Leadership program		625.00
Quad City Development Group, air quality consultant and maps		4,457.50
University of Iowa, initial payment for 2.5PM Study		15,920.00

Correction –

Moline Dispatch Publishing Company, L.L.C., (previously listed as \$2,290.00) additional invoices for Workforce Development Board meetings (\$46.75)		2,336.75
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Mayor O'Brien moved approval of the bills totaling \$71,121.58 as presented above. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2009 Program Budget as of August 31, 2008.
 Ms. Connors explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 16.7% through the fiscal year with 16.3% expended and within budget.

4. Consideration of the following Grant and Contracts. Ms. Bulat requested approval of the following grant over \$7,500 that require Commission approval:

- Contract with the State of Iowa for an Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program grant. The grant is for the period 7/1/09 to 12/31/10, in the amount of \$40,000 and requires \$10,000 of local match. However, we will ask for 100% funding of \$50,000 with no match required.
- Contract with Basile Baumann Prost Cole & Associates, Inc. for a business development assistance study in the amount of \$94,470 paid with OEA grant funds. This contract covers

the period October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009.

- Apply and accept funds from Wellmark Foundation to administer Healthy Iowans Initiative in partnership with Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa Department of Public Health. The grant is in the amount of \$110,000 for 8 Council of Governments \$13,750 each, to be matched by each Council with \$1,250.

Mayor Thodos moved approval of the grant and contracts as presented above. Ms. Dean 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 that the Bi-State Waste Coalition coordinates and schedules quarterly meetings for the purposes of regional planning, coordination of solid waste activities, and for coordinator networking opportunities in the two-state region. Mr. Boesen then gave an overview of activities in Henry and Mercer County. Henry County reports recycling volumes increased from 1,740 tons in 2002 to 2,622 tons in 2007. Eagle Enterprises added electronics and paint collection to the recycling programs in Henry County. Henry County continues to work diligently to maintain litter control and illegal dumping abatement programs on an ongoing basis. Mercer County is a member of the Tri-County Resource and Waste Management Council located in Macomb, Illinois. The county receives all waste management services through this agency.

Mr. Boesen then reported on the Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) activities. He informed Commissioners that RICWMA provides curbside collection of discarded household appliances and residential used tires; five county-wide drop-off recycling sites located in East Moline, Moline, Rock Island, and Milan; an ongoing household hazardous waste disposal program; and a new e-waste disposal program for Rock Island County residents. RICWMA also offers an annual Solid Waste Assistance Grant program to 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 in their community. This past spring, the Cities of Moline and Rock Island implemented new curbside recycling programs for their residents. The City of East Moline and the Village of Milan are currently exploring options for implementing curbside recycling in their communities.

Ms. Liegois reported that Muscatine County continues to contract for collection and processing of recycled materials for the Muscatine County area. During fiscal year 2008, 5,756 tons of material was processed. The City is currently exploring possibilities for implementing a curbside recycling program. A Household Hazardous Waste program and an e-waste collection program have been established in partnership with the Waste Commission of Scott County. The county continues with several ongoing public education programs addressing solid waste and recycling, storm water management, illegal dumping, and littering issues throughout the county.

Ms. Morris reported that the Waste Commission of Scott County has ongoing partnerships with RICWMA; Cedar, Clinton, Dubuque, Jackson, and Muscatine Counties; and Metro Waste Authority. Several special one-day e-waste collection events have been conducted in both Iowa and Illinois. The Waste Commission and the Bi-State Waste Coalition reviewed and updated

the five-year regional comprehensive plan and established new regional goals for the Iowa region. Ongoing public education programs include Operation Medicine Cabinet, the Earthweek Coalition Fair, a new member assistance grant program, and ongoing website development and maintenance. A new environmental stewardship campaign called “ILiveHere” replaces “Keep Scott County Beautiful.” The annual X-Stream Clean-up event was held on August 16th this year. Over 1,300 volunteers collected 142,566 pounds of debris around the Quad City area.

6. Update on Census 2010. Ms. Milliron reported that Census 2010 preparations are underway. She informed Commissioners of some items they should be aware of. The Census 2010 questionnaire will be the shortest census questionnaire in U.S. history dating back to the first census in 1790. There is no longer a need for the long form questionnaire as part of Census 2010 due to the initiation of the annual American Community Survey. The 2010 Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) will launch within the next few weeks. Bi-State will be contacting local governments to discuss possible changes in census geographies, such as tracts, block groups, and Census Designated Places, based on concentrated areas of population growth or decline in your community. These determinations must be made and submitted to the regional census offices by late June of 2009. The Census Bureau will be asking community leaders to coordinate Community Count Committees. These committees are teams of volunteers such as local leaders, faith-based groups, schools, businesses, media outlets, and others who are appointed by elected officials and work together to make sure entire communities are counted. The committees develop targeted outreach plans specific to their communities to supplement what the Census Bureau was already doing and ensure a strong response rate. The majority of temporary local census offices and the recruitment of temporary census workers will begin in the fall of 2009. Ms. Milliron reported that Census Day is April 1, 2010.
7. Questions and Comments by Commissioners. Mr. Austin discussed Bi-State’s RLF program and it was noted that Bi-State currently has over \$700,000 to loan out for gap financing. The RLF Board is currently outreaching to banks to find projects as the program must expend a portion of these funds by March 31, 2009 or risk EDA sequestering a portion of the funds.
8. Other Business. Ms. Bulat updated Commissioner’s on Air Quality issues in the region and referred to the Status Report provided to the Commissioners on the table. She informed Commissioners that Bi-State would be doing weekly updates.
9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Minard
Secretary