

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT: Welvaert – Chair, Austin, Barnes, Becker, Bohnsack, Gluba, Goodwin, Harris, Heninger, Lawrence, Lohse, Meeker, Minard, Nicholson, O’Brien, Rangel, Ripperger, Rockwell, Shoultz, Sunderbruch, Tank, Thodos, Volz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Breecher, Brown, Dean, Freemire, Gallin, Hillman, Malvik, McDaniel, Schwiebert, Sherwin, Tossell, Washburn, Wilkinson

OTHERS PRESENT: David Johnston, Interim City Administrator, Aledo

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Connors, Doonan, Miller, Moritz, Schmedding

Chair Welvaert called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

1. Approval of the February 25, 2009 Minutes. Mayor Thodos moved approval of the minutes of February 25, 2009 as presented. Mr. Volz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ms. Ripperger presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2009, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$412,372.96. Ms. Ripperger moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Lohse seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Ms. Connors presented the bills totaling \$35,571.39, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated March 25, 2009:

Bills List

Louise A. Kerr. Treasurer	\$ 6,389.02
4/09 Rent	\$4,165.96
4/09 Internet Access	88.00
02/09 Printing	892.58
02/09 Supplies	67.41
02/09 Postage	1,175.07
Rock Island County GIS, colored copies	920.05
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,185.00

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to 2 staff attending the Washington DC trip; staff meeting; 1 staff attending Community Transportation Association of America 2009 conference; 1 staff attending APA conference; 1 staff attending Rural Community Economic Development conference; Urban Transportation Policy Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending the Iowa State University Geospatial Technology Program	2,042.05
Basile Baumann Prost Cole & Associates, Inc., business assistance study	8,035.27
Quad City Development Group, pass through of Alcoa and John Deere portions of Clark Group Consultant for air quality issues	15,000.00

Mayor O'Brien moved approval of the bills totaling \$35,571.39 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 February 28, 2009. Ms. Connors explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 66.7% through the fiscal year with 64.6% expended and on budget.
4. Commission Committee Assignments for 2009-2010. Chair Welvaert presented the listing of the 2009-2010 committees distributed in the agenda packet. Mayor Gluba moved to approve the Commission committee assignments as presented. Mr. Rockwell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Report on Contracts Approved by the Executive Director. Ms. Bulat reported on the following contracts that were approved by the Executive Director and require no action because they were under \$7,500.
 - Contract with the City of Long Grove for a Zoning Ordinance Update. The contract is in the amount of \$4,000 and covers the period 02/16/09 - 12/31/09.
 - Contract with the Village of Windsor for administration of a CDAP Grant. The contract is in the amount of \$4,000 and covers the period 02/20/09 – 12/29/10.
6. Consideration of the following Grant and Contract. Ms. Bulat requested approval of the following contracts over \$7,500 that require Commission approval:
 - Apply for and accept grant with USEPA CARE for Air Quality Strategic Planning. The grant is in the amount of \$83,000 and covers the period 10/01/09 – 06/30/10.

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

- Contract with Far Reach Technologies, Inc. for development of a Data Portal Website. The contract is in an amount up to \$15,000 and covers the period 03/25/09 – 09/30/09.

Mayor O'Brien moved the Bi-State Regional Commission approve the contract as described

above. Mr. Minard seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Presentation and Consideration of Resolutions Supporting the FY 2010 Urbanized Area and Region 9 Transportation Work Programs and Authorizing Application for Funding and Acceptance of the Grant. Ms. Denise Bulat 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 FY2010 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:

- Air Quality Improvement Activities and Congestion Management
- Freight/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 FY10 planning budgets will remain relatively flat. Mayor Gluba moved the Bi-State Regional Commission approve the resolutions to authorize application of the federal planning grants and execute the respective grant contracts. Mr. Rockwell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Transportation Projects Update. Ms. Bulat updated Commissioners on the 2011 Long Range Transportation Plan. She briefly reviewed a timeline with final adoption of the plan required by March 2011.

Ms. Bulat reported that the Record of Decision (ROD) will be completed in spring 2009 for the I-74 Bridge Corridor. The consultant contract will be executed and the design and right-of-way acquisition will begin immediately following the ROD. Funding for this project will be requested in the next Transportation Act. Staff is working with the two DOTs on separating the project in to logical segments to prepare for the request.

Passenger rail efforts received a significant boost in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Included are \$8 billion that will be available to states in a competitive grant program. States will learn the criteria for the funds by April 18, 2009, and rules are due in June from the Federal Railroad Administration.

Ms. Bulat stated that all locally-directed transportation-related ARRA monies have been designated. Criteria for \$1.5 billion in discretionary monies from the Secretary of Transportation will be published by May 18, 2009 with an application deadline of November 16, 2009. Project selection will then be made by February 17, 2010, and funded projects must be obligated by February 17, 2012. Projects may receive between \$20 and \$300 million with no state receiving more than 20 percent of the total.

Ms. Bulat reviewed the Bridge Restriction Notice with Commissioners that was distributed at the meeting.

9. Questions and Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments.
10. Other Business. Mayor Welvaert introduced Mr. David Johnston, the Interim City Administrator for Aledo.
11. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Minard
Secretary