

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

Wednesday, August 26, 2009, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administration Building
Sixth Floor Conference Room
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Welvaert – Chair, Austin, Barnes, Becker, Dean, Eccher, Freemire, Gallin, Gluba, Heninger, Lawrence, Meeker, Minard, Sherwin, Shoultz, Stoermer, Sunderbruch, Tank, Thodos, Volz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bohnsack, Gary Brown, Nathan Brown, Goodwin, Hillman, Malvik, McDaniel, O’Brien, Pauley, Rangel, Ripperger, Rockwell, Tossell, Washburn, Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Carter and Cathie Rochau, Quad City International Airport

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Connors, McCullough, Moritz

Chair Welvaert called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

1. Approval of the July 22, 2009 Minutes. Mayor Freemire moved approval of the minutes of July 22, 2009 as presented. Ms. Dean 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, 2009, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$580,625.65. Mayor Thodos moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Ms. Connors presented the bills totaling \$108,015.29, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated August 26, 2009:

Bills List

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to 1 staff attending the Transportation Planning, Land Use, & Air Quality conference; office supplies Iowa Intergov meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Web Hosting (portion to be reimbursed by member governments)	\$ 2,081.67
Illinois Association of Regional Councils, Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Contract Labor (January-June 2009)	1,662.50
Louise A. Kerr. Treasurer	5,849.76
9/09 Rent	\$4,165.96
9/09 Internet Access	88.00
07/09 Printing	219.57
07/09 Supplies	205.59
07/09 Postage	1,089.83
08/09 Cell Phone	80.81

McClure Engineering Associates, Inc., East West Gateway Corridor Study	3,796.65
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,185.00

Addendum

Emergency Telephone System Board, temporary employee June MUNICES payroll	704.71
Joseph F. Fackel, Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	945.00
MCFA, LLC, Financial/IT Industry Sector Study	59,910.00
McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, progress billing for the June 30, 2009 audit	6,000.00
University of Iowa, final for PM2.5 Study	23,880.00

Ms. Sherwin moved approval of the bills totaling \$108,015.29 as presented above.
Mr. Shoultz seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2010 Program Budget as of July 31, 2009.

Ms. Connors explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 8.3% through the fiscal year with 7.4% expended and within budget.

4. Consideration of the following Grant. Ms. Bulat reviewed the following item which requires Commission approval:

- 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 up to eight Council of Governments at \$13,750 each, to be matched by each Council with \$1,250.

Mayor Thodos moved approval of the Grant as presented above. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Report on Quad City International Airport Services. Mr. Bruce Carter reported on activities at the Quad City International Airport (QCIA). He noted several capital projects underway or recently completed, including:

- 2007 Runway 5/23 Extension - \$2.3 million
- 2007 Runway 13/31/ Extension & Paving - \$3.5 million
- 2008 Entrance Road and Parking Lot Expansion (388 additional spaces) - \$3.1 million
- 2008 Taxiway "P" Earthwork - \$2.9 million (part of \$34 million rehabilitation of the main runway with Taxiway P acting as the temporary runway while under construction of the main runway)
- 2009 Taxiway P Middle Paving - \$4.3 million and East-West Paving - \$8.5 million
- 2010 Runway 9/27 Inlay - \$8.99 million
- 2011 Paved Shoulders - \$5.3 million

The airport authority received federal funds with a 95/5 (federal/local) ratio matching requirement. It also received \$4.2 million (100% federal) in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds for a middle paving project to start spring 2010. He noted the runway rehabilitation will include concrete of 6,500 feet by 100 feet to a depth 18 inches with the bid going out summer 2010. Between FY2005-2009, there have been \$31.7 million in grants received for projects. In addition to investments by the airport authority, Mr. Carter noted the construction of a new hanger by Deere & Company. He also highlighted future development along the Rock Island-Milan Parkway.

Information was also shared on the status of enplanements and the carriers. Enplanements are down 5% year to date but July was another record month, likely due to low cost tickets and increased recreational travel. QCIA has been the 23rd fastest growing airport in the U.S. for the last five years. It handles the third largest passenger volume in Illinois behind O'Hare and Midway. Seventy-six percent of the passengers come to the airport from Iowa, based on license plate surveys with 16% coming from Illinois. Enplanements have been over 450,000 in the last two years with totals for 2009 at 450,000 year to date. This success can be attributed to having AirTran in the market for the last 12 years as a low cost carrier. The merger of Delta and Northwest Airlines was mentioned. Efforts are underway to get service to Las Vegas and Phoenix. Mr. Carter also reported on efforts to construct a consolidated car rental center for \$6-12 million, which will be phased over three years. He also fielded questions on baggage handling and a pilot project with AirTran for QCIA to run counter service for the airline.

It was noted that the Iowa DOT had recognized the positive economic impact of the Quad City International Airport in a recent study. The positive impact of general aviation airports in Davenport and Muscatine were also studied. Alderman Gene Meeker reported a new terminal building was being constructed at the Davenport Airport. Mr. Carter thanked Ralph Heninger for his service on the Iowa Aviation Advisory Council.

6. Questions and Comments by Commissioners. There were no other questions or comments.
7. Other Business. There was no other business.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Minard
Secretary