

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

Wednesday, September 23, 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, Bohnsack, Gary Brown, Dean, Eccher, Gallin, Gluba, Goodwin, Heninger, Lawrence, Malvik, McDaniel, Meeker, Minard, O’Brien, Ripperger, Shoultz, Sunderbruch, Tank, Thodos, Volz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Brown, Freemire, Henry, Hillman, Pauley, Rangel, Rockwell, Sherwin, Stoermer, Tossell, Washburn, Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Liegois, Muscatine County Solid Waste Management Agency; Becky Maruffo, Illinois DOT; Kathy Morris, Waste Commission of Scott County; George Ryan, District 2 Engineer, Illinois DOT; John Wegmeyer, Illinois DOT

STAFF PRESENT: Berkley, Bulat, Connors, McCullough, Miller, Moritz, Panther, Schmedding

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

1. Approval of the August 26, 2009 Minutes. Mayor Thodos moved approval of the minutes of August 26, 2009 as presented. Mr. Shoultz 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, 2009, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$530,510.30. Ms. Ripperger 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 \$105,351.87, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated September 23, 2009:

Bills List

Basile Baumann Prost Cole & Associates, Inc., short range economic development project	\$ 1,451.20
Far Reach Technologies, consultant for data portal website	5,362.50
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer	6,506.11
10/09 Rent	\$4,165.96
10/09 Internet Access	88.00
08/09 Printing	1,075.63
08/09 Supplies	88.19
08/09 Postage	1,088.33
City of Moline, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds	1,044.31
The Printer’s Mark, 2008 and 2009 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) printing	798.21

Quad City Chamber of Commerce Federation, Quad City Community Leadership Courses attending by 1 staff	650.00
City of Rock Island, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds	73,092.08
Rock Island County GIS, colored copies	1,000.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,115.00

Addendum

Advanced Business Systems, maintenance on 8150 printer	708.00
Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to Chief Elected & Chief Administrative Officials (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending the Managing Multiple Priorities, Projects, & Deadlines; 2009-10 APA Audio Conferences; Urban Transportation Policy Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending the 2009 Upper Midwest Conference; office supplies	2,016.64
McClure Engineering Associates, Inc., East West Gateway Corridor Study	8,760.80
RK Dixon, maintenance service on network and monthly copier charges	685.40
Correction –	
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer (previously listed as \$6,506.11), additional invoice for cell phone September-October 2009 (\$161.62)	6,667.73

Mr. Malvik moved approval of the bills totaling \$105,351.87 as presented above.
Mr. Minard seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Malvik explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 16.7% through the fiscal year with 15.6% expended and within budget. Ms. Bulat noted the fiscal status of the Jumpstart Program and Iowa flood recovery efforts on the back of the Addendum which was presented for information purposes.

4. 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 Quad City Health Initiative for a mapping project. The contract is in the amount of \$1,670 and covers the period 8/1/09 – 10/15/09.
- Contract with Community Action of Eastern Iowa for project development. The contract is in the amount of \$2,109 and covers the period 9/1/09 – 10/15/09.

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

- Contract with Community Action of Eastern Iowa for Davis Bacon Act Administration. The contract is in the amount of \$35,256 and covers the period 10/15/09 – 03/31/12.

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

- Contract with the State of Iowa for an Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program grant with the focus on Bi-State Clean Air Partnership. The grant is for the period 7/1/10 – 09/30/11, 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.

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

- Contract with the State of Illinois for an Illinois Special Planning and Research grant with the focus on Bi-State Clean Air Partnership. The grant is for the period 11/1/09 – 6/30/11, in the amount of \$32,000 and requires \$8,000 of local match.

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

- Contract with Rock Island Arsenal Development Group for support services including payroll and benefits services. The contract period would be 10/1/09 – 6/30/10 and would be on an actual cost basis.

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

Ms. Bulat informed Commissioners that the contract approval for Wellmark Foundation was stricken from the agenda because we were not invited to make full application.

6. Report on Activities in Solid Waste Management and Planning by the Solid Waste Coordinators in the Bi-State Region. Ms. Berkley reported that the Bi-State Waste Coalition coordinates and schedules quarterly meetings for the purposes of regional planning and coordination of solid waste activities and networking opportunities in the two-state region.

Ms. Berkley stated that the Atkinson Landfill in Henry County reopened on September 1, 2009. Henry County implemented an e-waste recycling program in 2009 but may discontinue the program due to funding concerns. Cambridge and Orion in Henry County have started curbside recycling programs. 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.

The Rock Island County Waste Management Agency (RICWMA) has re-contracted the regional drop-off recycling program, and significant changes to the program include the retrofitting of the containers with smaller openings and the elimination of glass as an accepted item. The costs associated with recycling glass make it economically infeasible to recycle at this time. Radio ads, media releases, and a ribbon cutting will be utilized to educate citizens on these changes. The RICWMA Board voted to increase the solid waste tipping fee to \$1.10 per ton effective January 1, 2010 in order to fund increases in program costs. East Moline and Milan have implemented curbside recycling programs. A Pharmaceutical & Household Hazardous Waste collection event was held in October of 2008.

Ms. Liegois reported that the City of Muscatine continues to contract for collection and processing of recycled materials for the Muscatine County area. The City implemented curbside recycling for cardboard only on July 1, 2009. Construction on the Phase III landfill cell has been completed, and construction has begun on the Phase IV landfill cell. A methane venting system has been added to the older section of the landfill. The Household Hazardous Waste and E-waste collection programs in

partnership with the Waste Commission of Scott County continue to be successful. 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, Muscatine, and Metro Waste Authority. Asphalt shingles collected at the landfill are being ground and used on driveways on County Road Y-48. A methane collection system was installed and collected methane is transferred to McCarthy's Asphalt plant. Construction on Cell 7 has been completed. Ongoing public education programs include Operation Medicine Cabinet, the Earthweek Coalition Fair, and an Enviro-Kids summer program. The annual X-Stream Clean-up event was held on August 22nd this year with over 1,600 volunteers collecting 184,271 lbs. of debris. Scott County has been selected as a participant in an Environmental Management System pilot program. Scott County has also received the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence.

7. Questions and Comments by Commissioners. There were no other questions or comments.
8. Other Business. Mr. George Ryan, Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2 Engineer, outlined repairs and staging necessary to allow traffic to resume on Interstate 80 over the Mississippi River. The highest priority by both the Illinois and Iowa DOTs is for safety of the motoring public. Two other considerations were adverse travel impacts and timing. Mr. Ryan reviewed basic bridge design information, noting necessary critical repairs needed to overhanging floor beams that support the outer lanes of the I-80 bridge.

On identification of cracks in the floor beam brackets, the Iowa and Illinois DOTs took immediate action to ensure safety by closing the eastbound traffic and only allowing westbound traffic on the interior lane. Further inspection over the summer allowed the DOTs to assess the extent of repairs needed. Planned improvements will be conducted in two phases. From April 5, 2010 to mid-July, 2010, eastbound lanes will be closed to repair the substructure under the outer lane, and one lane westbound will also be closed. With incentives, Phase I may be completed by July 1st.

Mr. Ryan reported that Phase II will allow one lane in each direction head-to-head on the eastbound side of the bridge while the westbound side of the bridge is repaired. In this stage, the ramp at IL84 to I-80 westbound will be closed. Phase II is expected to be completed by November 1, 2010 when all four lanes of traffic should resume. Improvements will include replacement of overhanging floor beams to the "relief joints" requiring removal of sections of the concrete bridge deck and parapet wall above the beams at the joints. Additionally, over 800 stiffeners will be welded to increase bridge strength and reduce future cracking. Bridge washing and permanent barrier wall replacement will be done as well.

Mr. Ryan stated that the project will go out for bid this fall and is programmed for \$10.5 million. Until April 2010, one lane of traffic in each direction on the inner lanes is anticipated to remain open until the repair work begins.

9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Minard
Secretary
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