

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

Wednesday, August 25, 2010, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administration Building
Sixth Floor Conference Room
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Freemire – Chair, Austin, Becker, Bohnsack, Brown, Eccher, Fox, Gallin, Gluba, Gordon, Hillman, Lawrence, McDaniel, Meeker, O’Boyle, O’Brien, Ripperger, Stoermer, Tank, Thodos, Volz, Welvaert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean, Goodwin, Heninger, Henry, Malvik, Minard, Pauley, Rangel, Rockwell, Sherwin, Shoultz, Sunderbruch, Tossell, Washburn

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

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

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

1. Approval of the July 28, 2010 Minutes. Ms. Hillman moved approval of the minutes of July 28, 2010 as presented. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Ms. Gallin presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending July 31, 2010, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$685,032.14. Ms. Gallin 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. Ms. Hillman presented the bills totaling \$95,969.90, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated August 25, 2010:

Bills List

Dell Marketing L.P., workstations and monitor	\$ 2,137.52
Hurt, Norton & Associates, July legislative technical services (cost reimbursed by participating local governments)	7,750.00
Louise A. Kerr, Treasurer	6,110.94
9/10 Rent	\$4,618.38
9/10 Internet Access	88.00
7/10 Postage	673.06
7/10 Printing	620.65
7/10 Supplies	57.06
7/10 Cell Phone	53.79
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	2,485.00

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to one staff attending Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program transit training; Quad City Riverfront Council meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Chief Elected & Administrative Officials luncheon meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); one staff attending the Congestion Management Process Workshop; office supplies	1,320.52
Isle of Capri Casino-Bettendorf, legislative staff meeting on Arsenal issues (cost reimbursed by participating local governments)	1,226.92
City of Bettendorf, Jumpstart money	2,439.00
Disbursements of funds for the following Revolving Loan Program Loans:	
Media Link, Inc.	35,000.00
LaFrenz Pattern Company	37,500.00

Ms. Hillman moved approval of the bills totaling \$95,969.90 as presented above. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Hillman explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 8.3% through the fiscal year with 7.1% expended and within budget.

4. Report on Quad City International Airport Service. Mr. Bruce Carter reported on activities at the Quad City International Airport (QCIA). He noted special capital projects in 2010-11, including:

- Taxiway and main runway 9/27 rehabilitation project (\$34 million)
- Fuel farm major tank replacement project (\$5 million)
- Resurfacing employee and rental car lot
- Metropolitan Airport Authority office expansion

Mr. Carter informed Commissioners that the airport authority receives federal funds with a 95/5 (federal/local) ratio matching requirement. Between FY2005-2011 (projected), the airport has received \$47 million in grants. In addition to investments by the airport authority, Mr. Carter noted the completion of a new hanger and taxiway by Deere & Company. The former Deere & Company hanger is being marketed for aeronautical purposes or as a maintenance facility to air carriers. He also highlighted future development potential around the airport property.

Mr. Carter also shared information on the status of enplanements and the carriers. Overall enplanements are down, but July was another record month (3rd best ever), due to low cost tickets and increased recreational travel. QCIA is 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. Sixty to seventy percent of the passengers come to the airport from Iowa. Enplanements have been over 450,000 in the last three years with 463,000 enplanements to date for 2010. These numbers recently exceeded those of the Cedar Rapids airport. This success can be attributed to having AirTran in the market for the last dozen years as a low cost carrier. Mr. Carter reviewed the announcement by AirTran on the loss of direct flights to Atlanta beginning in November 2010 and the addition of direct flights to Ft. Meyers in February 2011. He noted the merger of Delta and Northwest Airlines and other potential legacy carrier mergers are foreseen in the future. Alligiant Air to Las Vegas will begin October 2010. He reviewed the status of the other two existing carriers – American Eagle and United Express. Efforts are underway to implement service to Phoenix and other western destinations.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no other questions or comments.
6. Other Business. Ms. Bulat reviewed the following items which require Commission approval:
- Acceptance of \$97,880 from the Illinois Department of Transportation for planning activities through June 30, 2012.
 - Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant awards to the following to be expended by March 31, 2012.

Village of Annawan	\$12,986.00	Henry County	\$28,520.00
Village of Cambridge	\$6,422.25	Village of Milan	\$53,246.25
Village of Carbon Cliff	\$19,500.00	Rock Island County	\$66,875.00
City of Colona	\$30,909.00	City of Silvis	\$5,287.00
City of East Moline	\$32,430.00		
Village of Hampton	Up to \$105,000.00 or 75% of costs		

Mayor Thodos moved approval of the items as presented above. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McCullough reported that the I-80 Bridge timeline is ahead of schedule and that the Rock Island Arsenal/Moline work is on schedule.

Ms. Bulat reported on the status of high speed rail stating that it is estimated that the final design and engineering will take approximately two years and that service could start as soon as 2014.

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Pauley
Secretary