

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

Wednesday, April 27, 2011, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administration Building
Sixth Floor Conference Room
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Freemire – Chair, Anderson, Austin, Bohnsack, Gluba, Goodwin, Kelly, Lawrence, Meeker, Minard, O’Boyle, O’Brien, Rockwell, Schloemer, Sherwin, Stoermer, Sunderbruch, Tank, Thodos, Washburn, Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Earnhardt, Gordon, Heninger, Henry, McDaniel, Pauley, Rangel, Tossell, Volz, Wells, Welvaert, Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, Hunt, McCullough, Miller, Moritz

OTHERS PRESENT: Janice Green, Aledo City Administrator

Chair Freemire called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

1. Approval of the March 23, 2011 Minutes. Mayor Gluba moved to approve the minutes of March 23, 2011 as presented. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Austin presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending March 31, 2011, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$619,041.32. Mr. Austin moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mr. Austin presented the bills totaling \$382,884.70, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated April 27, 2011:

Bills List

American Red Cross of the Quad Cities Area, Adult CPR/AED, First Aid training for seven staff, and CPR Made Simple for 22 staff	\$ 545.00
City of Rock Island Police Department, CORA reimbursement, Case 11CR0099/PD#11-1646	580.00
Hewlett-Packard Company, hardware for Network IP address change	520.08
Hurt, Norton & Associates, March legislative technical services (cost reimbursed by participating local governments)	7,750.00
Scott County, reimbursement regarding the Sustainability Plan billing	3,884.19
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C. Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	2,450.00

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to one staff attending Departments of Natural Resources and Transportation meetings; Chief Elected	3,842.44
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& Administrative Officials Luncheon meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Managers & Administrators Luncheon meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Drug & Alcohol Testing Webinars; printer for MUNICES (cost reimbursed by MUNICES funds); one staff attending Iowa Park & Recreation Spring Conference; one staff attending Springfield trip; one staff attending ITS Heartland 2011 Conference; two staff attending the 2011 Iowa Geographic Information Council Conference; office supplies			
City of Colona, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant			17,734.28
Dell Marketing L.P., workstation			891.68
Louisa Ewert, Treasurer			6,716.37
05/11	Rent	\$4,618.38	
05/11	Internet Access	88.00	
03/11	Postage	1,085.68	
02/11	Printing	680.43	
02/11	Supplies	124.50	
03/11 & 04/11	Cell Phone	119.38	
Henry County, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant			7,371.00
RK Dixon, maintenance service on network and monthly copier charges			841.36
City of Silvis, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant			4,758.30
Disbursements of funds for the following Revolving Loan Program Loans:			
	CharNor, Inc.		250,000.00
	5 th Avenue Maid Rite Co.		75,000.00

Mr. Austin moved approval of the bills totaling \$382,884.70 as presented above.
 Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2011 Program Budget as of March 31, 2011.

Mr. Austin explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 75.0% through the fiscal year with 69.7% expended and within budget.

c. Consideration of Recommendation to Purchase Multifunction Imaging System.

Mr. Austin stated the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended the purchase of a new copier/printer for Bi-State’s office in the amount of \$9,522.00 from RK Dixon. Mr. Austin motioned to approve the purchase, and Mayor Gluba seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation and Consideration of Resolutions Supporting the FY 2012 Urbanized Area and Region 9 Transportation Work Programs, Authorizing Application for Funding and Acceptance of the Grant and Seasonal Bridge Construction Update.

Ms. McCullough presented transportation-related projects Bi-State is working on currently. Annually the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) documents for the Quad Cities metropolitan area and Region 9, serving rural Scott County and Muscatine County, are revised to reflect staff activities for the coming fiscal year. The FY2012 TPWPs are developed to aid cooperative, continuing, and comprehensive (3 “C”s) transportation planning. In the metro area, transportation planning has been in place since the mid-1960’s and in Region 9, since the mid-1990’s. The TPWPs include budgets for transportation planning short and long range activities and delineate federal, state and local funds. Activities include staffing transportation meeting, technical assistance such as grant writing and traffic studies/analysis, as well as the development of various modal plans and transportation funding programming.

In the Bi-State region, major transportation issues include:

- River Crossing and Transportation Capacity Improvements
- Air Quality Improvement and Congestion Management
- Long Range Plan Implementation and Planning
- Passenger Transportation Coordination and Specialized Transportation Providers
- Integration of Safety and Security
- Monitoring the Status of Federal Transportation Reauthorization.

With federal transportation appropriations, the total planning effort for urban transportation planning amounts to \$798,531 in the urban area and \$54,255 in Region 9. The urban program includes authorization to utilize \$97,800 in Illinois State Comprehensive Regional Planning Funds for matching funds and the remainder for technical assistance and intermodal planning. The Region 9 program utilizes \$5,000 in Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds. Mr. Watkins motioned to approve the resolutions to authorize applications of the federal planning grants and execute the respective grant contracts. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Next, Ms. McCullough gave an update on the bridge restrictions in the Metropolitan Area. I-74 at the Mississippi River will see Iowa bound single lane closures from early May to early July 2011 and mid-July until mid-September 2011. From the bridge into Illinois to south of 7th Avenue, there will also be replacement of the wearing surface on the viaduct connecting to the bridge during June. A \$14 million painting project is slated for next year on I-74.

In addition, there will be work on I-280 up to the Mississippi, including intermittent patching in the Iowa Quad Cities and reconstruction of 5 eastbound overpasses in the Illinois Quad Cities from Spring to Fall 2011. In 2017, a bridge deck replacement is slated for I-280 over the Mississippi River estimated at \$25 million.

Other construction includes ramp closures at the Rock Island Arsenal in Moline at 14th Street entrance and 4th Avenue exit. Subsequent to the flooding, work under the Government Bridge in Davenport over U.S.67 will involve possible extended lane closures. Residents are encouraged to utilize alternative transportation, such as transit, bicycling and walking where feasible. Alternative Transportation Week is scheduled for May 14-21, 2011 where area residents are encouraged to add physical into their daily routines and minimize auto use during Alternative Transportation Week. Go “Car Lite”!

5. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2011 Goals and Projects Update. Mr. Hunt, Economic Development Project Manager, presented information regarding the 2011 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Bi-State Region. Bi-State Regional Commission is required to complete a CEDS every three years for local governments and the Commission to remain eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants. The 2011 CEDS update process began in February. This month’s focus is on the goals, strategies, and projects, and future presentations will cover the analysis portion.

Mr. Hunt explained that the goals and objective in the CEDS were developed by the CEDS committee, which consists of local economic development professionals from the public and private sector. The goals and objectives were designed to be harmonious with existing economic plans throughout the region and applicable to communities both large and small. The objectives under each goal were also developed to be representative of existing plans and applicable to all communities in the region. Any future EDA funded projects must be supported by one or more of the 2011 CEDS Goal. Additionally, Bi-State will issue yearly progress reports to EDA detailing the region’s progress in achieving these goals and completing the identified projects.

Next, Mr. Hunt explained the significance of the project listing in the CEDS. By listing completed and underway projects, the region is able to demonstrate to EDA and others that the region has the capacity

to tackle complex economic development projects. Listing planned projects allows the Region to showcase its economic development needs. This is helpful for both EDA and non-EDA funding, as it is becoming more common for federal and state funding entities to require documented planning in support of applications.

Over the past three years the following EDA funded projects have occurred in the region.

- City of Davenport Rail Port at Eastern Iowa Industrial Center (2010)
- Mercer/Muscatine County RLF (2010)
- City of Moline RiverTech (2008)

Additionally, East Moline and Rock Island are pursuing funding under separate EDA programs. Those applications will be submitted to EDA no later than June 2011. The East Moline application seeks support for infrastructure at the future Triumph Foods site, while Rock Island is requesting funding for an environmentally-friendly business park. Bettendorf will be applying for EDA funding to assist with sewer construction at its I-80 business park in September 2011.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments.

7. Other Business.

a. Consideration of the following Contract. Ms. Bulat requested approval of the following contract over \$7,500 that requires Commission approval:

- Grant application and resolution to the Economic Development Administration for continuation of the Commission’s economic development activities. The grant is in the amount of \$154,884 to be matched by \$154,884 in Commission local funds, and covers the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

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

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Pauley
Secretary