

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

Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administration Building  
Sixth Floor Conference Room  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Freemire – Chair, Bohnsack, Earnhardt, Fox, Gluba, Goodwin, Lawrence, Liddell, McDaniel, Meeker, Minard, O’Boyle, Pauley, Rockwell, Schloemer, Sunderbruch, Tank, Thodos, Volz, Washburn, Watkins, Welvaert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anderson, Austin, Gordon, Heninger, Henry, Kelly, O’Brien, Rangel, Sherwin, Stoermer, Tossell, Wells

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Taylor, Quad Cities Convention and Visitor’s Bureau; T.J. Juskiewicz and Wes Hall, RAGBRAI Committee

Chair Freemire called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. He then introduced the newest member of the Commission, Alderman Sean Liddell from the City of Moline.

1. Approval of the April 27, 2011 Minutes. Mayor O’Boyle moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2011 as presented. Mayor Welvaert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Ms. Earnhardt presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending April 30, 2011, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$693,653.73. Ms. Earnhardt moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Volz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mr. Meeker presented the bills totaling \$132,049.74, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated May 25, 2011:

Bills List

Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI), subscription renewal for Economic Impact, Economic Forecaster, and County-level Data	\$ 6,000.00
Hurt, Norton & Associates, April legislative technical services (cost reimbursed by participating local governments)	7,750.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C. Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	2,310.00

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to two staff attending the RTAC Regional conference; two staff attending the Illinois GIS Association conference; Managers & Administrators Luncheon meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); office supplies	1,077.15
Best Buy, employee computer purchase (reimbursed through payroll deduction)	1,500.00
City of East Moline, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant	29,187.00
Louisa Ewert, Treasurer	6,483.77
06/11    Rent	\$4,618.38
06/11    Internet Access	88.00
04/11    Postage	940.68
03/11    Printing	784.11
03/11    Supplies	52.60
City of Geneseo, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant	60,750.00
Mercer County, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant	6,079.79
Quad City Times, recruitment expense for Planner position	800.00
RK Dixon, new copier, maintenance service on network and monthly copier Charges	10,112.03

Mr. Meeker moved approval of the bills totaling \$132,049.74 as presented above. Mr. Bohnsack seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2011 Program Budget as of April 30, 2011.

Mr. Meeker explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 83.3% through the fiscal year with 77.5% expended and within budget.

c. Consideration of Recommended Revised FY 2011 Commission Planning Budget.

Mr. Meeker reported the Finance and Personnel Committee reviewed and recommended the proposed revised FY 2011 Commission Planning Budget. Ms. Bulat asked if anyone had any questions regarding the changes in the right hand column of the line item budget. There were no questions.

Mr. Meeker motioned to approve the Revised FY 2011 Program Budget as presented, and Mr. Minard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consideration of Recommended FY 2012 Commission Planning Budget.

Ms. Bulat highlighted key points in the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended FY 2012 Commission Planning Budget. There were no health insurance increases or dues increases proposed. However, with the 2010 Census population data, some communities with population changes will see a dues change. A 2% wage adjustment and continuation of the merit review system is budgeted. The proposed FY 2012 budget will sit on the table for one month until consideration by the Commission on June 22, 2011.

4. 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Ms. McCullough gave an update on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan, which is currently in the public review stage. Every five years, the Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan is updated. The update reflects changes in our area transportation system and outlines what is needed in the future. Quad Cities travel needs, traffic safety, and congestion are summarized. The Plan provides a snapshot of our roads and bus routes; trails and sidewalks; and motor, air, rail, and water freight in 2040. Quad Citians want to be mobile and have options. Catching the passenger train to Chicago or commuting by bicycle or bus is envisioned in the Plan. To maintain and improve our metropolitan area multi-modal transportation system through 2040, it is expected to cost \$3.6 billion. Or, \$125 million per year for the next 29 years for roads, trails, transit, rail, etc.

To complete the planning process, Bi-State Regional Commission is conducting five Long Range Transportation Plan Public Input Hearings. These meetings will gauge public opinion on how the Plan meets area mobility demands. Input from these hearings will help finalize the vision for the future of the Quad Cities Area transportation system.

#### Public Input Hearings- Bridging Transportation Needs for 2040

**Wednesday, June 1, 2011 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

Davenport Police Department Community Room, 416 Harrison Street, Davenport, Iowa

**Thursday, June 2, 2011 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Centre Station, 1200 River Drive, Moline, Illinois

**Wednesday, June 8, 2011 8:00-9:30 a.m.**

Bettendorf Community Center, 2204 Grant Street, Bettendorf, Iowa

**Thursday, June 9, 2011 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

East Pointe Station, 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, East Moline, Illinois

**Monday, June 13, 2011 3:30-5:00 p.m.**

Rock Island County Office Building, 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois

The Bi-State Transportation Policy and Technical Committees oversee plan preparation. These committees are made up of local elected officials and technical staff. In the last year, they have worked with Bi-State staff to prepare a full draft update, using public input from an areawide survey, public meetings held in February 2010, and other stakeholder input. The plan update includes transportation goals and a collection of existing and proposed transportation system recommendations. The draft *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan*, is available online at <http://www.bistateonline.org/ser/tra/lon.shtml>. A final public hearing to accept comments will occur on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. at the Transportation Policy Committee meeting held at the Bi-State Regional Commission office, 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois.

5. Presentation from the Quad Cities Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Mr. Taylor, CEO of the Quad Cities Convention and Visitor's Bureau, presented to the Commission "Destination Davenport," the campaign for this year's RAGBRAI final destination ending in Davenport. Thousands of bicyclists will ride from Glenwood, Iowa to Davenport and dip their tires into the Mississippi River at Marquette Street Landing. The ride starts on Saturday, July 23 and ends

Saturday, July 30. Riders will be arriving in Davenport on the same day as the Bix 7 race, but Mr. Taylor explained they have remote parking and shuttles in place to aid with congestion in downtown Davenport.

Mr. Taylor then introduced two members of the RAGBRAI committee, Director TJ Juskiewicz and Assistant Director Wes Hall. Mr. Juskiewicz stated that RAGBRAI is one of the largest touring events in the Midwest with approximately 15,000-20,000 cyclists in participation. This bicycling touring event began in 1973 from Sioux City to Davenport, and the RAGBRAI committee is happy to have the finale in Davenport again. He invited all of the Commissioners to come out and support the bicyclists and the participate in the event in whatever way possible.

Businesses are invited to get involved with sponsorship, advertising, and t-shirt campaigns. Volunteers are also requested to help with the influx of visitors to the community. For more information on the RAGBRAI event, visit [www.davenportragbrai.com](http://www.davenportragbrai.com).

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners.

Mayor O'Boyle asked if the FY 2012 Budget was made available to member governments, and Ms. Bulat said the line item budget and dues pages were sent to them in early May following initial review of the Finance Committee.

7. Other Business.

Ms. Bulat mentioned Energy Efficiency Grant contracts approved were being completed and the Commission was thanked by some of our member governments for the positive impact these funds had on their community infrastructure.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Pauley  
Secretary