

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

Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 3:30 p.m.
Bi-State Regional Commission
Third Floor Conference Room
1504 Third Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earnhardt – Treasurer, Austin, Bohnsack, Fox, Gluba, Gordon, Heninger, Lawrence, Liddell, Meeker, Minard, O’Boyle, Pauley, Rangel, Schloemer, Sherwin, Stoermer, Sunderbruch, Thodos, Volz, Welvaert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anderson, Freemire, Goodwin, Henry, Kelly, McDaniel, O’Brien, Rockwell, Tank, Tossell, Washburn, Watkins, Wells

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Gillaspie, Henry County Administrator; Bruce Carter, Quad City International Airport Director of Aviation; Cathie Rochau, Quad City International Airport Marketing Representative

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, Miller, Moritz

Treasurer Earnhardt called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

20. Approval of the July 27, 2011 Minutes. Mayor O’Boyle moved to approve the minutes of July 27, 2011 as presented. Mr. Bohnsack seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
21. Treasurer’s Report. Ms. Earnhardt presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending July 31, 2011, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$581,514.61. Mr. Minard moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Thodos seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
22. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mr. Austin presented the bills totaling \$38,631.18, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated August 24, 2011:

Bills List

Joseph F. Fackel, Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	\$ 560.00
Hurt, Norton & Associates, July legislative technical services (cost reimbursed by participating local governments)	7,350.00
Illinois Association of Regional Councils, membership dues	1,600.00*
National Association of Workforce Boards, membership dues	1,500.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C. Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,465.00

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to Chief Elected & Administrative Officials Luncheon Meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); travel to Washington, DC; 1 staff attending the National Association of Development Organizations Annual Conference; office supplies	2,180.61
Louisa Ewert, Treasurer	5,886.79
09/2011 Rent	\$4,618.38
09/2011 Internet Access	88.00
07/2011 Postage	666.45
07/2011 Printing	387.81
07/2011 Supplies	126.15
Johannes Bus Service, Inc., Rock Island Arsenal Tour (cost funded by local governments)	500.00
RK Dixon, maintenance service on network and monthly copier charges	595.73
Rock Island County, Highway Department, Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant	14,853.05
Correction –	
*Illinois Association of Regional Councils (previously listed as \$1,600.00), additional invoice for two staff attending the 2011 IDOT Fall Planning Conference (\$140.00)	1,740.00

Mr. Austin moved approval of the bills totaling \$38,631.18 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 July 31, 2011.

Mr. Austin explained the Program Budget Status Report was provided at the meeting. The Commission is 8.3% through the fiscal year with 6.5% expended and within budget.

23. Air Quality Activities Report. Ms. Bulat announced that Bi-State Regional Commission was awarded the Iowa Environmental Excellence Award for air quality. She also requested approval to apply for and accept a HUD Regional Sustainability grant for up to \$1 million for an intermodal commodity movement study to improve the efficiency of freight transportation in the Region and protect air quality. The match will be from existing state and local funding sources. Mr. Bohnsack motioned to approve the application as presented, and Mayor Thodos seconded.

24. Quad City International Airport Presentation. Mr. Carter presented the year’s progress at the Quad City International Airport. One of the airport’s most recent projects is the addition of Runway 10/28 with a \$2.9 million earthworks project in 2009 and a \$14.7 million paving project in 2010. In 2011, Runway 9/27 will undergo a \$34 million, four-year rehabilitation project with Brandt Construction doing the work. Runway 10/28 will be converted to a taxiway in 2012 for \$2.4 million.

Mr. Carter said that since FY05, the airport has received \$46,040,754 in annual grants. Recently, Senator Durbin’s office announced that the Quad City International Airport will receive \$1.6 million for the taxiway conversion of Runway 10/28 and \$1.2 million for the master plan. A new fuel farm is nearing completion and will house 150,000 gallons of jet fuel

and 24,000 gallons of glycol, a de-icing fluid. The \$5.4 million project is scheduled for completion in September 2011. The airport was able to use local dollars so loans were not needed for the project.

Mr. Carter noted that with the completion of John Deere's new hangar this year, the old hangar is available for lease. There is also the possibility for future land development and the potential for expansion in the area. The airport is looking at ways to attract international air service.

Enplanements in 2010 were up 3% from 2009, but 2011 will likely be down 7-10%. Air Tran will end all service on January 6, 2012 after 14 years of servicing the Quad Cities. The airport is seeking possible new routes to Florida through Allegiant and other carriers, as well as other sustainable routes. Allegiant Air started service to Las Vegas in October 2010, which has been doing well. The Mesa/Phoenix service began in November 2010, and service to St. Petersburg/Clearwater began in February 2011. Allegiant is a growing company, so there is the possibility for service expansion.

American Eagle offers 4 days of service to Chicago O'Hare and 3 days of service to Dallas-Fort Worth. Delta has 4 daily departures to Atlanta with additional flights to Detroit, Memphis, and Minneapolis-St. Paul. However, effective September 6, there will be no flights via the Memphis hub, and there will be a slight scale-back of flights this fall to the other two destinations. United Express offers 7 daily departures to Chicago O'Hare in the summer, but starting September 12, flights will be reduced to 6 departures per day. There are also two daily departures to Denver. The loss of AirTran service has raised a concern with rising fares. There have been discussions with other airlines for services to other airports to offset the loss of AirTran.

Mr. Carter concluded by stating that the airport is releasing a new mobile-friendly application for tracking flights. The website "Flight Tracker" that has been in place will soon be mobile-friendly. It has the most accurate, to-the-minute flight tracking capabilities.

25. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.
26. Other Business. There was no other business.
27. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Pauley
Secretary