

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

Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 3:30 p.m.  
John Deere Hangar, Quad City International Airport  
2200 69th Avenue  
Moline, Illinois

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** McDaniel – Vice Chair, Austin, Bohnsack, Earnhardt, Gluba, Gordon, Heninger, Kelly, Lawrence, Liddell, Meeker, Minard, O’Boyle, O’Brien, Schloemer, Sherwin, Sunderbruch, Wells, Welvaert

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anderson, Fox, Freemire, Goodwin, Henry, Pauley, Rangel, Rockwell, Stoermer, Tank, Thodos, Tossell, Volz, Washburn, Watkins

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Muscatine Mayor-Elect DeWayne Hopkins; Larry Dahl, John Deere

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

Vice Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order at 03:35 p.m.

1. Approval of the October 26, 2011 Minutes. Mr. Austin moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 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 October 31, 2011, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$692,932.88. Ms. Earnhardt moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Gluba seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mr. Austin presented the bills totaling \$113,960.93, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated November 16, 2011:

Bills List

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| Hurt, Norton & Associates, October legislative technical services (cost reimbursed by participating local governments) | \$ 7,750.00 |
| McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, progress billing for the June 30, 2011 audit  | 14,200.00   |
| Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C. Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)                           | 2,835.00    |

Addendum

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| Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to Managers & Administrators Luncheon meeting (cost reimbursed by participants);<br>Electronic Collection Event; G3 Hardware Support; Region 9 Recreation | 3,633.87 |
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| Planners Association Directors meeting; office supplies                                |                 |            |           |
| City of East Moline, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds                        |                 |            | 7,588.68  |
| Louisa Ewert, Treasurer  |                 |            | 6,825.59  |
| 12/2011  | Rent            | \$4,618.38 |           |
| 12/2011  | Internet Access | 88.00      |           |
| 10/2011  | Postage         | 987.57     |           |
| 10/2011  | Printing        | 910.31     |           |
| 10/2011  | Supplies        | 161.60     |           |
| 10 & 11/2011   | Cell Phone      | 59.73      |           |
| Joseph F. Fackel, Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES) |                 |            | 665.00    |
| City of Moline, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds                             |                 |            | 2,676.45  |
| City of Rock Island, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds                        |                 |            | 67,786.34 |

Mr. Austin moved approval of the bills totaling \$113,960.93 as presented above.  
Mr. Minard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Presentation on Public Safety Communications Planning in the Bi-State Region. Mr. Hunt presented information regarding public safety planning projects at Bi-State Regional Commission. The main public safety programs are Hazard Mitigation Plans, Tactical Interoperable Communications Plans (TICP), and The Quad Cities Interoperable Communications Network (QCIC NET). Mr. Hunt focused his presentation on the relatively new TICP and QCIC NET.

Bi-State first completed a TICP for Rock Island County in summer 2010. The project was funded through a grant from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency using federal flow-through dollars. Following the completion of the Illinois Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP) in 2007, Illinois began a policy of funding county-wide plans to augment the state level plan. To date, nearly two-thirds of Illinois counties have completed or are the process of completing a TICP. The TICP is essentially an inventory of public safety agencies, radio systems, and channels. The TICP shows which radio systems are interoperable and the channels they can use to interoperate. In 2011, Bi-State completed a TICP for Henry County. The State of Illinois intends to fund further rounds of TICP grants, should additional funding become available in the next federal budget.

The State of Iowa is working to finalize its statewide communications plan. County or regional TICPs are a possibility in Iowa in the next few years. Mr. Hunt provided the Commissioners with materials related to the pending narrowband conversion of the public safety VHF radio spectrum. Commissioners were asked to make sure their public safety radio users were ready for narrowband compliance by the January 1, 2013 deadline.

The QCIC NET connects nine Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) (also known as dispatch centers) in Scott and Rock Island County. The network was built under a 2005 U.S. Department of Justice grant. Bi-State served as the project facilitator. Completed in September 2010, the network is now operational and jointly governed by the local governments that utilize it. QCIC NET provides video, voice and data connectivity between PSAPs in the Quad Cities Metro Area. This allows for shared dispatch records and teleconferencing. Furthermore, the QCIC

NET will be able to connect with the cameras and sensors on the I-74 corridor to allow those devices to be viewed anywhere on the network. Mr. Hunt reported that the QCIC NET received a 2011 Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations. Bi-State continues to facilitate the governance and joint operation of QCIC NET.

5. Update on Rock Island District Corps of Engineers. Ms. Bulat reported on the activities of the Rock Island District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Colonel Shawn McGinley, Commander of the Rock Island District, had provided the information at a recent Riverfront Council meeting.

The Rock Island District has approximately 900 employees with two-thirds working at 27 field operating sites as lock operators, mechanics, and rangers. One third or 300 employees work at the Clock Tower complex in Quad Cities including engineers, surveyors, biologists, realty specialists, and attorneys. The District is the lead Corps agency for regulatory issues in Iowa and western Illinois.

Fifty-eight employees also are employed at Coralville Lake, Saylorville Lake, and Lake Red Rock with an FY 12 budget of almost \$14 million. The regional economic impact of all three of these facilities is estimated at \$63 million.

The Mississippi River Project Office, located in LeClaire, Iowa, is the largest Corps employer in Scott County with 300 employees. The Project Office manages operation and maintenance on the river at locations such as New Boston, Muscatine, Davenport, LeClaire, and nearby Corps-owned recreation areas. This project office manages a very large percent of the Rock Island District's budget and Locks and Dams 11-19 on the Mississippi River. The FY 12 Budget for the Project Office is \$48 million.

The Rock Island District Corps is anticipating a budget of about \$10 Million for projects that do not fall under the operations and maintenance and reservoir management. Other projects include operations and maintenance of infrastructure on waterways, flood plain management, and environmental restoration.

In FY12 and FY13, the Corps budget may be slightly to significantly reduced. The District office would first reduce staff through attrition, but if attrition is not enough, staff would be cut. Depending on the severity of budget reduction in FY12, the seasons at recreation areas would be reduced or areas could be closed with the least popular areas affected first. If additional cuts are required, Lock & Dam operations would be limited to 16 hrs/day instead of 24 hrs/day of operation.

Closing Locks would significantly affect the economy of navigation. Part of the reason for this situation is the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program was authorized but never funded. Ms. Bulat noted that because of the importance of this issue, leaders feel it should be one of the top regional issues highlighted when they travel to Washington in early 2012.

She also noted this emphasizes the need for an intermodal commodity study for the Bi-State Region. A regional intermodal and commodity movement study has not been completed since 1989 and presents a gap in the plans for the area. Bi-State Regional Commission submitted a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, which was not funded although the Commission committed to being the lead applicant and providing \$150,000 in match along with

the Illinois Department of Transportation. Staff will continue to identify funding sources for this important effort.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no other comments by Commissioners.
7. Other Business. There was no other business
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Pauley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis Pauley  
Secretary