

11/2011	Supplies	98.18	
Isle of Capri Casino, Bi-State's 45th Anniversary Banquet (cost reimbursed by non commission participants)			2,252.42
McGladrey & Pullen, LLP, progress billing for the June 30, 2011 audit			1,800.00
MRA – The Management Association, annual membership			500.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)			1,575.00
TH Enterprises, Inc., 2012 software agreement			6,480.00
Wayne Printing, 45th Anniversary Brochure			910.44
West Liberty CSD, reimbursement regarding the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) grant			3,017.08

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to subscription to tracking software and Microsoft Outlook; one staff attending the Iowa Public Transit meeting; Chief Elected & Administrative Officials Luncheon meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Managers & Administrators Luncheon meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Iowa Intergov meeting; office supplies			1,651.10
City of Rock Island, fuel charges for October and November 2011 and reimbursement for Managers & Administrators Luncheon meeting at Ribs in the Park (cost reimbursed by participants)			528.53
Hurt, Norton & Associates, November and December legislative technical services (cost reimbursed by participating local governments)			15,500.00
Mel Foster Co., Inc., annual premium for Business Owner's Package, Auto Policy, Worker's Comp Policy, Crime Policy, Umbrella Policy, and Employment Practice Policy			9,609.00
PIDC, annual maintenance and support through 12/31/2012			500.00
RK Dixon Company, maintenance service on network and monthly copier charges			727.69

*Corrections –

Louisa Ewert, Treasurer (previously listed as \$6,289.58), additional invoices for cost of Printing (\$399.84), Supplies (\$53.20) and Cell Phone (\$59.73)			6,802.35
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Mr. Austin moved approval of the bills totaling \$52,540.49 as presented above.

Mr. Sunderbruch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2012 Program Budget as of November 30, 2011. Mr. Austin explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in the agenda packet. The Commission is 41.7% through the fiscal year with 36.2% expended and within budget.
- c. Consideration of a Recommendation to Accept the Financial and Compliance Report for the Year Ended 6/30/11. Mr. Austin stated the Finance and Personnel Committee received a detailed audit presentation and are recommending approval of the audit report. He reported that McGladrey and Pullen stated that Bi-State complied with all laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. The Commission once again received the highest audit opinion, a "Clean Audit" with no findings or questioned costs.

Mr. Austin made a motion to accept the Financial and Compliance Report for the year ended June 30, 2011. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- d. Consideration to Renew the Executive Director’s Annual Employment Agreement. Mr. Austin reported evaluation forms were sent to Commissioners and member government officials, with Ms. Bulat receiving high marks by those who responded. Mr. Austin stated the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended the Executive Director’s employment contract be renewed for the year November 1, 2011 – November 1, 2012, with a 1.5% merit increase.

Mr. Austin made a motion to renew the Executive Director’s annual employment agreement with a 1.5% merit increase. Mr. Bohnsack seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Bulat thanked Commissioners for their support and recognized the fiscal staff for their work related to the clean audit. Mayor McDaniel also thanked Ms. Bulat and the Bi-State staff for their dedication to the Commission.

4. Consideration of Contracts. Ms. Bulat requested approval of the following grants/contracts over \$7,500 that require Commission approval:

- Grant with EDA for an Intermodal Freight Study. The grant is in the amount of \$200,000 with matching funds of \$50,000 from Iowa Department Of Transportation, \$50,000 from Illinois Department Of Transportation, and \$100,000 from Bi-State. The period of the contract is March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2014. Mayor Welvaert motioned to approve the grant as presented, and Mr. Volz seconded.
- Contract with the Hurt, Norton & Associates, Inc. for Legislative Technical Services Support. The contract is in the amount not to exceed \$96,100 and the period of the contract is December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012. Mr. Sunderbruch motioned to approve the contract as presented, and Mayor Thodos seconded.
- Contract amendment with Rock Island County, Village of Hampton, and Village of Carbon Cliff for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). The contracts are in the amount of \$3,829.33, \$108,166.59, and \$22,666.58 respectively. The period of the contracts is to March 31, 2012. Mayor Thodos motioned to approve the amendments as presented, and Mr. Minard seconded.

5. Presentation on Rock Island Arsenal Legislative Issues. Mr. Takakoshi with Hurt, Norton & Associates, Inc. gave a presentation to the Commission regarding Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) activities. They are the Quad Cities legislative liaison regarding RIA issues in Washington, DC and have been working with the area since 1998 with significant organizational experience with the Department of Defense.

Mr. Takakoshi said Pentagon budget challenges are significant. The problem has been that the Congressional tax and budget guidance is provided in terms of a 10-year period, while the Pentagon plans and budgets in five-year increments. This summer, the Pentagon was trying to balance the budget for the five-year period from FY 2013 through 2017. The FY 2013 defense budget will be sent to Capitol Hill in February. The real impact of the 10-year defense budget cut of roughly \$500 billion, which was agreed upon this summer, will depend on how much of the \$500 billion was planned for FY 2013 through 2017.

It appears the FY 2013-2017 portion of the \$500 billion cut will be \$260 billion. In addition to these cuts there will be roughly \$600 billion in defense cuts triggered since the Super Committee was unable to find \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts/tax increases.

It also appears the Pentagon's FY 2013 budget submitted in February will not reflect any of the Pentagon's share of the \$1.2 trillion sequestered cuts. These cuts kick in on 1/1/2013 unless Congress passes a law to rescind them. Much of the cuts will include manpower and efficiencies, both of which will negatively affect the RIA.

Mr. Takakoshi noted that if authorized in the FY 2013 Defense Authorization Act, the earliest Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) would be 2015. Because BRACs cost money, investment costs of a BRAC 2015 would be needed from FY 2016 through FY 2020, and these costs are not currently programmed. As an example BRAC 2005 cost \$20 billion. Savings from a BRAC 2015 would not start until FY 2021.

A Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, and Threat Analysis (SWOT) is a formal look at defense installation's future by analyzing strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Other communities are having SWOTs done in preparation for another BRAC round. Most SWOTs are conducted by consultants who had experience working on the BRAC 2005 Commission as staff. The Rock Island Arsenal Development Group (RIADG) has agreed to fund a SWOT study. Bi-State staff will conduct the RFP process, and the Bi-State Regional Commission will be asked to hold the contract with the consultant. The contract will come to the Commission for approval in February or March.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. Mr. Volz asked about how the I-74 bridge project factors in to the 6-year transportation bill. Ms. Bulat said that it is likely there would be no bill until after the 2012 elections. There are no earmarks for funding, but there may be competitive discretionary funds available for large transportation projects. The key would be the required project criteria in these competitive programs. She believes the region will compete well for funding for the I-74 bridge because of its readiness.
7. Other Business. There was no other business
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Pauley
Secretary