

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

Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administration Building
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Minard – Chair, Banaszek, Callaway-Thompson, Earnhardt, Furlong, Gluba, Goodwin, Gordon, Heninger, Hillman, Howard, Lawrence, Liddell, Meeker, Newton-Butt, Schloemer, Sherwin, Stoermer, Sunderbruch, Tank, Volz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anderson, Austin, Conrad, Crouch, Gallagher, Hopkins, O’Boyle, Pauley, Raes, Thodos, Tossell, Washburn, Wells

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry Taylor, Moline Dispatch Publishing Company; Tara Barney, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce; Sonya Paddock, Mayor, City of Riverdale; Dawn Neuses, Moline Dispatch/Rock Island Argus

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

Chair Minard called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. Chair Minard asked for introductions of those present.

1. Approval of the January 22, 2014 Minutes. Mayor Gluba moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2014 as presented. Ms. Earnhardt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Ms. Hillman presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending January 31, 2014, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$453,756.90. Ms. Hillman moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Ms. Hillman presented the bills totaling \$134,061.63, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated February 26, 2014:

Bills List

Hurt, Norton & Associates, January 2014 legislative technical service (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	\$ 7,750.00
URS Corporation, Household Survey and Model Integration Project (reimbursed by Air Quality grants)	67,121.68

Addendum

Bancard Center, VISA charge card expenses related to 3 staff attending The Women's Conference; 2 staff attending the Transportation Research Board 93rd Annual Meeting; Illinois GIS Association membership; 2 staff attending the Iowa Bicycle Summit; Chief Elected and Chief Administrative Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending the Substance Abuse seminar; Manager's lunch (cost reimbursed by participants); Community Analyst Application License; office supplies	3,909.41
Louisa Ewert, Treasurer	5,835.54
03/2014 Rent	\$4,618.38
03/2014 Internet Access	88.00
01/2014 Postage	937.97
01/2014 Supplies	11.10
01/2014 Cell Phone	180.09*
*(Partial costs reimbursed by HCEDP/Rural Accelerator Grant)	
Strategic Development Group, Inc., Innovation Hub Research (reimbursed by EDA grant)	49,445.00

Ms. Hillman moved approval of the bills totaling \$134,061.63 as presented above.
 Mr. Stoermer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2013 Program Budget as of January 31, 2014. Ms. Hillman explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 58% through the fiscal year with 55.2% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts for Commission approval.
4. Commission Committee Assignments. Chair Minard presented the list of the 2014-2015 officers and committees distributed in the agenda packet. Mr. Stoermer motioned to approve the Commission officers and committee assignments as presented. Mr. Furlong seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. Update on 10-County Visioning Project. Mr. Taylor, Dispatch-Argus Publisher, and Ms. Barney, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, provided an overview of a visioning effort involving over 100 businesses and investors in the greater Quad Cities Region. The Regional Opportunities Council has worked to assemble a regional vision for 2030 that identifies and advances opportunities for transformative growth in the greater Quad Cities Region.

The Greater Quad Cities Region is:

- recognized globally for growing and attracting talent and businesses
- energized by a culturally rich community
- inspiring innovation
- embracing lifelong learning

Mr. Taylor and Ms. Barney stressed that the heart of the effort is the concept of fostering area talent. This would be accomplished by growing the area's primary industries, assets, and entrepreneurial opportunities through the comprehensive vision, alignment of messages, and investment in the community. Growing primary industries would focus on advanced

manufacturing, agriculture, and logistics. Regional assets include a regional growth strategy, the Mississippi Riverfront, working river, infrastructure, and the Rock Island Arsenal.

The council suggests a three phase approach – organize a committee; endorse the effort to back the vision and align strategies to implement the vision; and demonstrate accomplishments. Following the presentation, comments and questions were addressed. Input included acknowledging the Mississippi River in the vision statement, defining the region geographically, and noting a regional freight study that will be started by June.

6. Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership Grant Presentation. Mr. Hunt, Economic Development/Public Safety Manager at Bi-State Regional Commission, updated the Commissioners on the status of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) grant, which was jointly received by the Commission and Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce in the fall of 2013. The grant award provides \$162,500 in planning assistance funds from the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration to create an implementation plan for a regional Metal and Multi-Materials (M3) Innovation Hub. The grant is matched by \$162,500 in local funds provided by public and private sector entities.

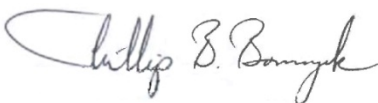
Mr. Hunt explained that currently the Chamber and Bi-State staff are working with Strategic Development Group (SDG) to write the M3 Innovation Hub Plan. A steering committee and multiple taskforces consisting of local manufacturing executives, government, and academic leaders are helping to guide the planning process. The Hub is intended to serve the innovation needs of the region’s manufacturers to help them compete on the global market.

Concurrently, SDG is assisting the region with an application to be one of 12 federally-designated Manufacturing Communities as part of the IMCP’s second phase, which will position the Innovation Hub for additional recognition and funding opportunities.

Mr. Hunt also spoke about the recent federal grant to University of Illinois Chicago Lab under the President's National Network for Manufacturing Innovation. Though the grant was received by the University of Illinois, it includes partnerships with many Quad Cities Institutions including the Quad City Manufacturing Lab, John Deere, and others. This larger federal award to conduct research related to digital manufacturing will likely help the region with its M3 Innovation Hub plan and *Manufacturing Communities* designation.

7. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no additional questions or comments by Commissioners.
8. Other Business. There was no other business.
9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Phillip Banaszek
Secretary