

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2015, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administration Building  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly – Vice Chair, Callaway-Thompson, Gallagher, Gluba, Gradert, Heiland, Heninger, Hillman, Holst, Hopkins, Howard, Lawrence, Liddell, Maranda, Meeker, O’Boyle, Raes, Schloemer, Sherwin, Tank, Terry, Washburn, Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anderson, Austin, Earnhardt, Gordon, Holmes, Newton-Butt, Pauley, Stoermer, Sunderbruch, Tossell, Volz

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Marruffo, Illinois Department of Transportation; Doug Rick, Iowa Department of Transportation; Bailey Deitz, KWQC; Megan Noe, WQAD; Dawn Neuses, Dispatch-Argus Newspaper.

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough, Moritz

Vice Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and asked for introductions.

1. Approval of the February 25, 2015 Minutes. Mayor Gluba moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2015 as presented. Mr. Terry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor O’Boyle presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending February 28, 2015, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$639,620.44. Mayor O’Boyle moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Ms. Hillman presented the bills totaling \$17,118.94, as listed on the following bills listing and addendum dated March 25, 2015:

*Bills List*

Hurt, Norton & Associates, February 2015 legislative technical service (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	\$ 7,750.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,360.00

Addendum

Rock Island County Treasurer			6,008.94
04/2015	Rent	\$4,618.38	
04/2015	Internet Access	88.00	
02/2015	Postage	561.78	
12/2014-2/2015	Supplies	560.57	
02/2015	Cell Phone	180.21*	

\*(Partial costs reimbursed by HCEDP/Rural Accelerator Grant)

Ms. Hillman moved approval of the bills totaling \$17,118.94 as presented above. Mr. Gradert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2014-15 Program Budget as of February 28, 2015. Ms. Hillman explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 67% through the fiscal year with 63.6% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contract, grant, and an amendment to an existing contracts for consideration.
  - City of Bettendorf for Park and Recreation Master Plan Update. The contract is for the amount of \$15,500 and the period of the contract is July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016.
  - Amend payroll processing services contract with Rock Island Arsenal Development Group to include financial management. The contract is for actual costs and the period of the contract is April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015.
  - Grant with RDA/SCRA, not to exceed \$100,000 for Rural Scott Community IT Services Consultant Study for the period May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the contract, grant, and contract amendment as presented above. Ms. Sherwin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- 4. Commission Committee Assignments. Ms. Bulat presented the list of the 2015-2016 officers and committees distributed at the meeting. Mayor Gluba motioned to approve the Commission officers and committee assignments as presented. Mayor Hopkins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 5. I-74 Bridge Update. Mr. Rick and Ms. Marruffo provided an update on the I-74 Mississippi River Bridge Corridor Project. The Interstate 74 Bridge Corridor project involves the replacement of the I-74 Bridge and over six miles of corridor improvements. It is in need of reconstruction due to crashes, recurring congestion, and significant maintenance. The bridge itself is functionally obsolete with no shoulders. The Iowa bound span was built in 1935 and the Illinois bound span in 1959.

Mr. Rick explained that there are two projects currently underway that will prepare the streets in downtown Bettendorf and Moline for the new bridge. Grant Street in Bettendorf will be reconstructed over the next two years. During this time State Street will remain open, and two lanes of Grant Street will be maintained.

In Moline, the River Drive project between 19th and 23rd streets, which began in fall 2014, will be completed in June 2015, and River Drive will be reopened. There will also be work on the I-74 Bridge itself this year, but day time lane closures will be avoided until late summer when projects on the Centennial and Government Bridges are finished.

It was noted that the project is included in the Transportation Improvement Programs for both the Iowa and Illinois Department of Transportation (DOT). All National Environmental Protection Act requirements are complete, and final design of the central section will be completed in 2015. Elements of the project including the Lincoln Road overpass and the interchange at 53rd Street have already been finished. Property purchases have been completed in Iowa, and all properties that required total buyouts are done in Illinois. Illinois DOT will be continuing with partial property buyouts over the next two years.

The I-74 Bridge Corridor project has been value engineered to reduce costs and the construction period from 8 to 3.5 years. Mr. Rick said the reconstructed I-74 Bridge will have increased protection for seismic occurrences and barge collisions and is being built to last 100 years. The reconstructed I-74 Bridge will have full shoulders allowing for emergency vehicle access in the event of an incident. It will also include a rare interstate multi-purpose trail along the downstream side with Mississippi River Trail access on each side and an elevator in Bettendorf.

Construction on the project will begin in the river in late 2017 and all of 2018. The approaches will be constructed in 2019 and 2020 with the old bridge set for demolition in 2021. The total cost for the entire six-mile corridor is \$1.25 billion, which includes \$250 million in reserves and the \$88 million already spent on engineering, ROW acquisition, demolition, and portions of the project corridor previously completed. The remaining costs for the central bridge section are estimated at approximately \$750 million.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.
7. Other Business. Ms. Bulat presented the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2015 Progress Report draft for public review. She noted that there are still some communities who haven't submitted projects. She also asked Commissioners for photos of underway projects in their communities. The draft report will be presented at the next Commission meeting as the final version to be submitted to EDA.

Ms. Bulat also reminded Commissioners to fill out their surveys that were mailed the week prior. She noted that a link to the survey is available on the Bi-State website.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Callaway-Thompson  
Secretary