

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

Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administrative Center
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thodos – Chair, Austin, Broderson, Conrad, Gallagher, Gordon, Gradert, Heninger, Holst, Howard, Klipsch, Lawrence, Maranda, O’Boyle, Raes, Schloemer, Sherwin, Sorensen, Stoermer, Sunderbruch, Tank, Terry, Waldron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anderson, Callaway-Thompson, Earnhardt, Hillman, Holmes, Looney, Moore, Newton-Butt, Pauley, Washburn

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Frye, Rock Island Arsenal Development Group; Ashley Davis, KWQC-Channel 6

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, Miller, Moritz

Chair Thodos called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

1. Approval of the July 27, 2016 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting as presented. Mr. Stoermer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Klipsch presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending July 31, 2016, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$588,076.23. Ms. Sherwin moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Stoermer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mr. Austin presented the bills totaling \$30,760.11, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Chmura Economics & Analytics, annual subscription to JobsEQ, 8/1/16 – 7/31/17 proprietary workforce and economic management tools	\$ 5,995.00
Dell Marketing LP, 4 towers and 1 laptop	6,101.64
Hurt, Norton & Associates, July 2016 legislative technical service and Professional Media Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	9,750.00
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,448.47
09/2016 Rent	\$4,618.38
09/2016 Internet Access	88.00
07/2016 Postage	522.07
07/2016 Supplies	98.40
07/2016 Cell Phone	121.62*
*(Partial costs reimbursed by HCEDP)	
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer, June services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,465.00

Addendum

None

Mr. Austin moved approval of the bills totaling \$30,760.11 as presented above. Mr. Terry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2016-17 Program Budget as of July 31, 2016. Mr. Austin explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 8.3% through the fiscal year with 6.4% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no grants or contracts for consideration.
4. Report on Rock Island Arsenal. Mr. Frye reported that the Rock Island Arsenal Development Group is a not-for-profit 501(C)6 incorporated in July 2003. They received a facility use contract in September 2003 and hired one full-time and two part-time employees in 2004. The RIADG Board of Directors is made up of elected officials and community leaders from both Iowa and Illinois.

The Quad Cities hired a Washington lobbyist as a result of BRAC 1995 to address lack of factory work resulting in high overhead on Arsenal Island. Hurt Norton and Associates was hired in 1998 by the Quad Cities Development Group to lobby for all aspects of Arsenal Island (funding for Unutilized Plant Capacity, funding for the Davenport bridge, and funding for military construction). Based on the ammo plants legislation, Hurt Norton wrote the ASPI legislation that was passed in 2001.

Mr. Frye explained Rock Island Arsenal is one of three sites that used ASPI legislation, which has provided dollars to renovate facilities to lease to commercial tenants. The program received earmarks thru 2010. Six buildings amounting to over 325,000 square feet of space were renovated. The updated space was rented to 23 tenants desiring the security of and proximity to the Arsenal. Over \$6.29 million in rent has been paid to the Army over the life of the program.

The ASPI legislation expired in October 2012, but RIADG was awarded a 5-year contract before the legislation expired. This means RIADG's current facility use contract expires in September 2017. In FY15, Representative Loeb sack tried to get an extension into the House's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), but staff objected, and it didn't survive. In FY16, Congress tried to extend the ASPI authority, but the movement didn't survive due to bad scoring recommendations by the Congressional Budget Office. An amendment to extend RIADG's efforts was all agreed to in the Senate, but the Senate Armed Services Committee decided to move their bill without approving these agreed to amendments. The IA/IL Congressional delegation is looking at ways to revive RIADG's legislative authority either in the NDAA or in the appropriations process. Without new legislation by September 2017, it is not clear what will happen to the existing RIADG leases.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.
6. Other Business. Ms. Bulat informed Commissioners that the September meeting will be held in the Rock Island County Board Room at 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Callaway-Thompson
Secretary