

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

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administrative Center
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thodos – Chair, Austin, Beck, Carroll-Duda, Earnhardt, Gallagher, Gordon, Gradert, Heninger, Kiser, Klipsch, Knobbe, Lack, Lawrence, Maranda, Mendenhall, Newton-Butt, Raes, Schloemer, Stoermer, Tank, Terry

MEMBERS ABSENT: Broderson, Brown, Callaway-Thompson, Conrad, Looney, Howard, Justin, Moore, O’Boyle, Pauley, Sherwin, Sorensen, Waldron

STAFF PRESENT: Berkley, Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough, Miller, Moritz

Chair Thodos called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

1. Approval of the January 25, 2017 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2017 meeting as presented. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Klipsch presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending January 31, 2017, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$721,999.96. Mayor Klipsch 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 \$225,725.40, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to Iowa Intergov meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Managers & Administrators Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Transportation Research Board in Washington, DC; Iowa Association of Regional Councils meeting; Chief Administrative Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending the Iowa Bicycle Summit; 1 staff membership to the Institute of Transportation Engineers; office supplies | \$ 2,950.28 |
| Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer, January 3 thru January 19, 2017 (cost reimbursed by MUNICES) | 2,065.00 |

Addendum

| | |
|--|------------|
| City of Davenport, Federal Transit Administration passed through funds for fareboxes and security doors | 210,573.00 |
| Ted J. Hamer, Municipal Court Hearing Officer, January 19 thru February 10, 2017 (cost reimbursed by MUNICES) | 3,290.00 |
| Rock Island County Treasurer | 6,847.12 |
| 03/2017 Rent | \$4,618.38 |
| 03/2017 Internet Access | 88.00 |
| 01 & 02/2017 Managed Print Services | 647.44 |
| 01/2017 Postage | 949.07 |
| 01/2017 Printing | 324.90 |
| 01/2017 Supplies | 141.75 |
| 01/2017 Cell Phone* | 77.58 |

*(Partial costs reimbursed by HCEDP)

Mr. Austin moved approval of the bills totaling \$225,725.40 as presented above.
Mr. Maranda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2016-17 Program Budget as of January 31, 2017.
Mr. Austin explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets.
The Commission is 58.3% through the fiscal year with 50.8% expended and within budget.

- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Chair Thodos presented the following contract for consideration.

- Contract with Roosevelt Group for consultant services for the Rock Island Arsenal (to be paid by local government participants). The contract is in the amount of \$220,000, and the period of the contract is March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018.

After much discussion, Mayor Klipsch moved approval of the contract as presented above.
Mr. Stoermer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Commission Committee Assignments for 2017-2018. Chair Elect Earnhardt presented the list of the 2017-2018 officers and committees distributed at the meeting. Mr. Gordon motioned to approve the Commission officers and committee assignments as presented. Mayor Gallagher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report 2017 Update.
Ms. Berkley presented information on the 2017 CEDS Progress Report. She reported that the Gross Regional Product was up to \$19.54 million in 2015, which is the most recent data available. Unemployment is down, but the workforce is also shrinking. According to modeling software JobsEQ, overall jobs are projected to increase by less than 1% by 2021, with Health Care and Social Assistance; Construction; and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services being the sectors with the largest growth.

Ms. Berkley highlighted a few topics included in the Opportunities and Threats discussion with the following themes: Arsenal, Infrastructure, Fiscal Matters, and Education and Workforce Training. Items within those criteria are the potential for another Base and Realignment Commission (BRAC) affecting the Arsenal, I-74 bridge, passenger rail, Davenport Transload Facility, Exelon, internet connectivity, the Illinois budget effects, and attracting a young workforce.

She also stated that additional topics are included in the progress report, and progress toward goals set in the 2016 CEDS will also be outlined. She mentioned that not every community has turned in their economic development projects to include in the report. Bi-State staff will provide a draft of the 2017 CEDS Progress Report to the Commission in March for review and a final draft in April for approval.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no additional questions or comments by Commissioners.
7. Other Business. There was no other business.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Callaway-Thompson
Secretary