

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earnhardt – Chair, Beck, Carroll-Duda, Gallagher, Heninger, Justin, Kiser, Knobbe, Lack, Lawrence, Maranda, Mendenhall, Newton-Butt, O’Boyle, Schloemer, Sorensen, Tank, Terry, Waldron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Austin, Broderson, Brown, Callaway-Thompson, Conrad, Gordon, Gradert, Looney, Howard, Klipsch, Moore, Pauley, Raes, Sherwin, Stoermer, Thodos

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

Chair Earnhardt called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

1. Approval of the February 22, 2017 Minutes. Mr. Schloemer moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2017 meeting as presented. Mr. Heninger 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, 2017, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$505,636.02. Mayor O’Boyle moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$216,853.89, 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); Illinois City Managers Conference; 2 staff attending the Freight Conference; Chief Elected and Chief Administrative Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Henry County Administrators meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Illinois Association of Regional Councils meeting; 1 staff attending the Iowa Association of Regional Councils meeting; 5 staff attending the Defeating Negativity in the Workplace webinar; 3 staff attending the 2017 Iowa Association of Regional Councils Staff Training; 1 staff attending the 2017 Illinois Association for Floodplain & Stormwater Management; office supplies Esri, Inc., Maintenance Agreement for ArcGIS Desktop Basic and Advanced software and license for Community Analyst Level 1 Plan, March 31, 2017 thru March 30, 2018 \$ 3,291.42 5,100.00

Addendum

City of Bettendorf, reimbursement of 2 buses	198,596.00
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc., Freight Tools Training	3,900.00
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,966.47
04/2017 Rent	\$4,618.38
04/2017 Internet Access	88.00
03/2017 Managed Print Services	323.72
02/2017 Postage	598.59
02/2017 Printing	45.00
02/2017 Supplies	215.96
02/2017 Cell Phone*	76.82

*(Partial costs reimbursed by HCEDP)

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the bills totaling \$216,853.89 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 February 28, 2017. Mayor O’Boyle explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 66.7% through the fiscal year with 58.1% expended and within budget.

c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contracts/grants for consideration.

- Grant from the Economic Development Administration for planning services. The grant is for \$210,000 with \$210,000 match for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

Mr. Schloemer moved approval of the grant as presented above. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- Contract with Regional Development Authority for Rural Scott County IT Assessment. The contract is in the amount of \$30,000, and the period of the contract is July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

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

4. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report 2017 Update. Ms. Berkley presented a draft of the 2017 CEDS Progress Report to Commissioners for review. The document is also available on the website for public review. It will lay on the table for one month and be presented at the April Commission meeting for acceptance. The public is invited to comment during that period.

5. Brief History of I-74. Ms. Bulat recounted the history of the I-74 Bridge Corridor project, which was named the region’s number one transportation priority in 1998. Since that time, four long-range transportation plans have been developed by the Bi-State Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the project has continued to be the top priority. There have been over 14 changes in engineering and planning leadership between the Illinois and Iowa Departments of Transportation and over 20 chief elected official changes on the Transportation Policy Committee since 1998. With all of these changes, the Bi-State Regional Commission has continued to communicate a unified message of support for the project.

The I-74 Mississippi River Bridge Corridor project has received significant federal funding due to the support of our federal delegation throughout the past 20 years. Over \$88 million in

federal discretionary dollars have been received through the teamwork of federal staff and Bi-State coordinating the paper work and funding requests. One of the largest sums of federal discretionary dollars was \$67.4 million in the 2005 transportation act, SAFETEA-LU. In fact, Bi-State was one of the few organizations invited to testify in one of three hearings held prior to the signing of SAFETEA-LU.

Ms. Bulat acknowledged the Bi-State policy members and staff who worked with the Iowa and Illinois DOTs to insure the project was included in their Transportation Improvement Programs. Local governments and Bi-State staff participated in an advisory committee since the inception of the project and assisted in coordination of public information opportunities.

The I-74 Bridge Corridor project schedule began in 1995 as follows:

Major Investment Study	1995-1998
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	1999-2005
Final EIS/Preliminary Engineering	2005-2008
Record of Decision (ROD) – Project Accepted by Federal Highways	2009
Lincoln Road Overpass Complete	2009
I-74/53rd St. Complete	2013
Final Design Complete	2016
Iowa ROW and Demolition Complete	2015
Moline/Bettendorf Central Business District Projects	2015-2017
Illinois ROW and Demolition	2010-2018
North Section, Middle Road to 53rd Street Design	2016-2018
Final Mainline I-74 Construction	2018-2021*
*(Central Bridge Section, bluff to bluff begins calendar year 2017)	
Existing Bridge Demolished	2021
North Section Construction with Cost of \$152 Million	TBD

The project has been value engineered to reduce costs with a construction period reduction from 8 to 3.5 years. The bridge will have increased protection for seismic occurrences and barge collisions and is being built to last 100 years. The 7.8 Mile Corridor will cost \$1.17 Billion in Year of Expenditure, which includes \$152 million already spent on engineering, ROW acquisition, demolition, and portions of the project corridor previously completed. The remaining costs for the Central Bridge Section from Avenue of the Cities to Middle Road is \$863 million.

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 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Carroll-Duda
Secretary