

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

Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earnhardt – Chair, Beck, Brown, Callaway-Thompson, Carroll-Duda, Cheffer, Dawson, Gallagher, Geenen, Gordon, Gradert, Heninger, Howard, Klipsch, Knobbe, Lack, Lawrence, Maranda, Mendenhall, Schloemer, Sherwin, Sorensen, Tank, Terry, Tompkins, Turner, Waldron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Broderson, Kiser, Looney, Moore, Newton-Butt, O’Boyle, Stoermer, Thoms

OTHERS: Colonel Kenneth Tauke, U.S. Army Garrison Commander, Rock Island Arsenal

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

Chair Earnhardt called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and asked for introductions of attendees.

1. Approval of the August 23, 2017 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2017 meeting as presented. Mr. Gradert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Klipsch presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending August 31, 2017, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$879,833.56. Mayor Klipsch 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. Mr. Howard presented the bills totaling \$70,122.06, as listed on the following bills listing:

*Bills List*

Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer September 2017 services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	\$ 4,900.00
The Roosevelt Group LLC, August 2017 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	20,000.00

Addendum

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to Chief Elected & Chief Administrative Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Arsenal Legislative Efforts; Iowa Intergov meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); one staff attending the Illinois Freight meeting; one staff attending FTA Peer Exchange meetings; Managers & Administrators meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); office supplies	3,131.75
Caliper Corporation, support TransCAD Standard for the period 9/30/17 through 9/30/2018	2,400.00
Center for Community GIS, August 1 through September 25, 2017 Quad City Trails Phase 3 Website Enhancements	5,610.00
City of Davenport, Federal Transit Administration passed through funds for a chiller replacement	27,642.00
Rock Island County Treasurer	6,438.31
10/2017                    Rent	\$4,832.58
10/2017                    Internet Access	88.00
09/2017  Managed Print Services	323.72
08/2017                    Postage	997.87
08/2017                    Printing	2.70
08/2017                    Supplies	104.18
08/2017                    Cell Phone*	89.26

\*(Partial costs reimbursed by HCEDP)

Mr. Howard moved approval of the bills totaling \$70,122.06 as presented above.  
 Mr. Terry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2017-18 Program Budget as of August 31, 2017.  
 Mr. Howard explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 16.7% through the fiscal year with 13.6% expended and within budget.

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

- Contract with the Village of Milan to update their Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$14,185.00 for the period December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018.

Mr. Howard moved approval of the contract as presented above, and Mr. Geenan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Amend contract with Genesis Occupational Health for Drug and Alcohol Consortium testing, revising the fee schedule (as listed below) and extending the period to September 30, 2018.

Fee Schedule:

Consortia Management Fee of \$200/member/contract year

Service	In Network Fee	Out of Network Fee
Sample Collection	\$30/collection	Member will pay the fee charged by the facility/company performing the collection

Medical Review Officer	\$30/collection	\$30/collection
Breath Alcohol Test	\$25/test	Member will pay the fee charged by the facility/company performing the collection
*Breath Alcohol Confirmation	\$20/test	\$20/test
After Hour/On Site Collection	\$125/collection	\$125/collection

\*Will only be assessed with inconclusive initial results

Mr. Howard moved approval of the amended contract as presented above, and Mayor Gallagher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Rock Island Arsenal Update. Colonel Tauke provided an overview of Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) base operations to the Bi-State Regional Commission. He manages services and facilities for the 950 acre (1.5 square mile) Arsenal Island.

RIA houses five Commands that reach 40 States and 19 Countries, including Army Sustainment Command, Joint Munitions Command, Army Contracting Command, First Army, and Army Corps of Engineers. The regional reach may also be demonstrated through the distribution of the employees of RIA that are 48% from Iowa and 52% from Illinois.

Colonel Tauke said that RIA is the largest local employer in the region with 5,261 civilian, 1,103 military, and 572 contracted employees; 42% of this workforce are veterans. The induced employment impact of RIA is over 14,000 community jobs. Salaries average \$75,989, and the local economic impact of is over \$1.2 billion per year.

Colonel Tauke also reported on the campaign plan for the island and focus areas including integrating the RIA with the larger Quad Cities community, adapting to a 21st century workforce, improving the quality of life, transforming the functionality of the installation, and focusing on infrastructure and sustainability.

RIA is the historical and geographic center of the Quad Cities and should be promoted to the community and the rest of the nation as such. Colonel Tauke advocates partnerships with academia on training opportunities as well as cultivation of future workers, and he would like to see expanded school and medical partnerships. RIA is working on Army family housing with two construction projects totaling over \$46 million that will provide 71 new homes to improve the quality of life on Arsenal Island.

Additionally, RIA should be transformed to provide space for more manufacturing operations and collaboration with private companies. Quarters One and the golf course will be developed into a shared asset with the community through a Request for Proposal process to create an Enhanced Use Lease with a private developer. Transforming RIA will also involve maintaining and improving the infrastructure including the hydroelectric dam and utilities because RIA is working towards energy self-sufficiency or “net zero.” Sustainability of the installation will demonstrate the Rock Island Arsenal’s importance and viability to the community and the nation.

In closing, Colonel Tauke said that RIA is an installation with a strategic global reach, and if it were a corporation, RIA would be a Fortune 100 company in league with Deere and Company and Arconic. RIA is committed to being a collaborative federal, public-private center of excellence to

meet the readiness needs of the Army and support the economic prosperity of the greater Quad Cities Region.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no further questions or comments by Commissioners.
6. Other Business. There was no other business discussed.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Carroll-Duda  
Secretary