

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

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earnhardt – Chair, Beck, Carroll-Duda, Condon, Freeman, Gallagher, Geenen, Gradert, Heninger, Kiser, Klipsch, Knobbe, Lack, Lawrence, Maranda, Mather, Mendenhall, Newton-Butt, O’Boyle, Sauer, Schloemer, Stoermer, Tank, Terry, Tompkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Acri, Broderson, Brown, Callaway-Thompson, Dawson, Looney, Moore, Sherwin, Thoms, Waldron

OTHERS PRESENT: Sergeant Neil Suckow, Iowa Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Enforcement; Mayor Michael Limberg, City of Long Grove; Mayor Mike Bawden, City of Riverdale

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

Chair Earnhardt called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and asked for introductions of attendees.

1. Approval of the February 28, 2018 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018 meeting as presented. Mayor Gallagher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Gallagher presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending February 28, 2018, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$791,469.30. Mayor Gallagher moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Klipsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$47,490.37, as listed on the following bills listing:

*Bills List*

Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (esri), Maintenance Agreement for ArcGIS Desktop Basic and Advanced software and license for Community Analyst Level 1 Plan, March 31, 2018 thru March 30, 2019	\$ 5,100.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer February 2018 services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	3,605.00
The Roosevelt Group LLC, February 2018 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	20,000.00

Addendum

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to Managers & Administrators Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Iowa Intergovernmental meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Chief Elected & Chief Administrative Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) training & policy conference; 1 staff attending the Data Performance Management training; 4 staff attending the American Red Cross CPR training; 4 staff attending the Iowa Association of Councils of Governments staff training; 2 staff attending the Washington DC Quad Cities delegation; 2 staff attending the 2018 Economic Forecast conference; office supplies	4,271.81
Ted Hamer, Administrator Hearing Officer March 2018 services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	2,030.00
Opportunity Alliance LLC, consulting related to the enterprise zone application (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	6,667.00
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,816.56
04/2018                      Rent              \$4,832.58	
04/2018                      Internet Access              88.00	
03/2018      Managed Print Services              323.72	
02/2018                      Postage              523.64	
02/2018                      Cell Phone              48.62	

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the bills totaling \$47,490.37 as presented above. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2017-18 Program Budget as of February 28, 2018. Mayor O’Boyle explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 66.7% through the fiscal year with 58.8% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contract for consideration.
  - Contract with Center for Community GIS (CCGIS) to enhance the Quad Cities Trails website with Henry County trails for up to an additional \$4,000.00 by June 30, 2018.

After some discussion about where the money was coming from, Mayor Freeman moved approval of the contract as presented above. Mayor Klipsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- 4. Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report 2018 Draft Presentation. Ms. Whitson presented a draft of the *Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report 2018* to Commissioners at the meeting and spoke about some of the highlights in the document, providing a list of the strengths, challenges, opportunities, and threats and emphasized the importance of each community’s economic-related projects.

Ms. Whitson explained the CEDS is the result of a locally-based, regionally-driven planning process designed to enhance the economic growth of the Bi-State Region. Components of the CEDS Progress Report include a detailed overview of the people, economy, and sense of place

of the Bi-State Region; a description of the strengths, challenges, opportunities, and threats; and a list of performance measures to assess the progress toward the region's goals.

One trend discussed was the unemployment rate in the Bi-State Region. According to the Illinois Department of Employment Securities and the Iowa Workforce Development, the unemployment has continued to decrease since 2012. Although it may be decreasing by a minimal percent, it appears to be trending similarly to the rate of the United States.

Ms. Whitson also noted that strengths, challenges, opportunities, and threats were identified. New strengths include the I-74 project beginning construction and the economic development planning efforts taken on by the Mercer County Better Together initiatives. The six-laning of I-80 and its bridge replacement, and the retirement of small business owners have evolved as new challenges in the region.

The document has been posted on Bi-State's website where it will remain until the 30-day comment period is closed. All member governments are strongly encouraged to provide any comment.

5. Presentation and Consideration of Resolutions Supporting the FY2018 Quad Cities and Region 9 Transportation Work Planning Programs (TPWPs). Ms. McCullough presented the Quad Cities and Region 9 FY2019 Transportation Planning Work Programs (TPWPs) that reflect Bi-State staff transportation work activities and budget funding to accomplish that work for July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019. She described the tasks and activities to be undertaken by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Region 9 for FY2019 and identified four work categories in the TPWPs, highlighting these areas: program support and administration, general development and comprehensive planning, long-range transportation planning, and short-range transportation planning. Key issues include improving river crossing capacity, reducing congestion, integrating safety and security into processes, coordinating modes and connectivity, and helping local jurisdictions implement planned projects.

Ms. McCullough reported transportation planning fund targets for FY2019 that reflect relatively static funding levels for both the Quad Cities MPO and Region 9 Planning Area. The MPO federal share of funds include Iowa Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5305d - \$56,749, Iowa Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Planning - \$270,609 (with carryover), Illinois FTA 5305d - \$74,937 (with carryover), and Illinois FHWA Planning - \$295,107. FTA 5307 Urban Transit Planning funds for the metropolitan transit systems are noted in the Quad Cities program.

The Region 9 federal share of funds include \$10,000 Surface Transportation Block Grant, \$20,152 FTA 5305e (with carryover), \$20,033 FHWA- Special Planning and Research (SPR). All funds are matched with 20% local member dues.

The respective Technical and Policy Committees provide information and feedback on the program activities, while the Bi-State Regional Commission approves the budget and contracts. Transportation planning funds represent nearly 50% of the Bi-State Regional Commission budget.

Mr. Maranda moved approval of the resolutions to authorize application of the federal transportation planning grants and execute the respective grant agreements as presented. Mayor Klipsch seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Motor Vehicle Enforcement and Trucking Industry Partnerships to Address Human Trafficking. Sgt. Suckow reported that the Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE) has teamed up with Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) to bring awareness to the problem of human trafficking. Together, they seek to educate, equip, empower, and mobilize members of the trucking industry to spot and report suspected cases of human trafficking.

Human trafficking, or modern-day slavery, is the exploitation of human beings through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of commercial sex or forced labor. Human trafficking generates \$9.5 billion per year as reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and there are approximately 40 million slaves around the world, according to (TAT).

Approximately 100,000 to 300,000 children are at risk of being trafficked into the forced sex trade, and the average age of entry is 13-14 years old. One of the most powerful methods of human traffickers is coercion. They prey on the vulnerable and marginalized, grooming them with false promises and “friendship.” Often, traffickers will use social media to find victims who feel they are on the outside, building trust in order to use that against the victim.

Sgt. Suckow noted that within two days of a person going missing due to human trafficking, that person could be across the country from where they were taken. Interstate 80 runs from coast to coast, straight through the State of Iowa, making it the prime location to spot people being moved across country in human trafficking cases. That is why the trucking industry can be the first line of defense to spot people in need of help. Truck drivers can intersect victims at rest areas, travel plazas or parking lots, hotels or motels, gas stations, places of business, or even on the road. Truck drivers are trained to be vigilant and observant, being the eyes and ears of the road.

Thanks to a vigilant, TAT-trained truck driver while at a Virginia truck stop, a victim of sex trafficking was recovered, and a couple from Clive, Iowa were arrested and found guilty on federal sex trafficking charges. In another case, Sgt. Kevin Killpack of Iowa MVE recovered a missing juvenile from Florida who was being transported across county by a truck driver to keep her from testifying against her trafficker, who was subsequently sentenced to life in prison for sex trafficking.

The Iowa MVE model has been adopted in whole or in part in 35 states. MVE is working to train law enforcement officers, truck drivers, and bus industry employees using TAT training materials. They are also working to stock weigh stations, ports of entry, rest areas, and bus terminals with TAT materials. To report a suspected case of human trafficking, call 1-888-3737-888 or dial \*55 on a cellular phone.

7. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no further questions or comments by Commissioners.
8. Other Business. There was no other business.
9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Carroll-Duda  
Secretary