

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

Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Earnhardt – Chair, Beck, Broderson, Dawson, Gallagher, Gradert, Heninger, Kiser, Klipsch, Knobbe, Lack, Lawrence, Maranda, Mather, Mendenhall, Newton-Butt, O’Boyle, Schloemer, Stoermer, Tank, Tompkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Acri, Brown, Callaway-Thompson, Carroll-Duda, Condon, Freeman, Geenen, Looney, Moore, Sauer, Sherwin, Thoms, Terry, Waldron

OTHERS PRESENT: Cathie Rochau and Ben Leischner, Quad City International Airport; Michael Miller, River Bend Foodbank

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

Chair Earnhardt called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and asked for introductions of attendees.

1. Approval of the May 23, 2018 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2018 meeting as presented. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Gallagher presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending May 31, 2018, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$829,273.19. 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 \$123,809.27, as listed on the following bills listing:

*Bills List*

Opportunity Alliance LLC, consulting related to the enterprise zone application, \$ 6,667.00 May services, (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	
The Roosevelt Group LLC, May 2018 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	20,000.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer May 2018 services (cost reimbursed by MUNICES)	2,975.00

Addendum

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to Iowa Intergovernmental meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Managers & Administrators Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Chief Elected and Administrative Officials meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); QuickBooks software upgrade; Complete Streets Workshop; 1 staff attending The Housing and Urban Development training; 2 staff attending the Mid-American Trails & Greenways conference; Quad Cities Riverfront Council meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending the State and Metropolitan Transportation Programming; 3 staff attending the Illinois Bike Summit; office supplies	3,629.70
Far Reach, Project Strategy, Data Gathering and Report software	8,300.00
RK Dixon, maintenance on HP Foundation Care and server updates	2,287.74
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,949.83
07/2018                    Rent	\$4,832.58
07/2018            Internet Access	88.00
06/2018  Managed Print Services	323.72
05/2018                    Postage	606.20
05 2018                    Supplies	51.35
05/2018                    Cell Phone	47.98

Disbursement of funds for the following Bi-State Revolving Loan Fund Loan:  
     Bucktown Restaurant Company, LLC 74,000.00

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the bills totaling \$123,809.27 as presented above. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2017-18 Program Budget as of May 31, 2018. Mayor O’Boyle explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 91.7% through the fiscal year with 83.7% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contracts/grants for consideration.
  - Contract with Emergency Telephone System Board for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
  - Contract with Rock Island County Waste Management Agency for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
  - Contract with Scott County Kids for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
  - Contract with Scott County Housing Council for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
  - Contract with Rock Island Arsenal Development Group for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
  - Grant with Iowa Association of Regional Councils for Iowa Department of Economic Development for planning assistance to local governments. The grant is for \$10,294 and will run from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the contracts/grant as presented above. Mayor Klipsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- Grant with Illinois DOT for Rural Planning Funds for up to \$40,000.00 to prepare a Rock Island County Comprehensive Plan for the unincorporated area.

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the grant presented above. Mr. Stoermer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- d. Consideration of Recommended FY2019 Commission Planning Budget. Mr. Gradert moved approval of the recommended FY2019 Commission budget plan as presented at the May 23, 2018 meeting. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
4. Introduction of New Executive Director of Quad City International Airport. Ms. Rochau introduced the new Executive Director of the Quad City International Airport Ben Leischner. Mr. Leischner expressed his excitement in joining staff of the QCIA and his pleasure at the high level of interagency collaboration in the Quad Cities.
5. River Bend Foodbank. Mr. Miller reported that in the Quad Cities, 1 in 8 people and 1 in 5 children do not have enough food to eat. In the River Bend Foodbank’s 23-county service area, 120,930 people are missing 20,664,500 meals per year.

One-third of the food produced, enough to feed everyone, is thrown away. This has detrimental consequences for the environment as well as humans. Food constitutes 20% of the waste in landfills, and one-third of that food is still in its original packaging. Underground food decomposition generates greenhouse gasses 23 times more potent than car exhaust.

Mr. Miller said the mission of the River Bend Food Bank is to leverage partnerships, engage the public, advocate for food insecure people, and distribute surplus food through a network of food pantries, meal sites, and other partner agencies. Some of its programs include providing backpack meals for children on the weekends and stocking food pantries at schools, senior centers, hospitals, and even mobile food pantries. In 2014, meal distribution was 7.3 million meals. In the past 12 months, that number has grown to 13.7 million meals, an 85% increase. The goal of the River Bend Food Bank is to triple the 2014 meal distribution number and end hunger by 2025.

The FDA and USDA have no standard for food product dating, and the only food required to have a date is infant formula. Expiration dates are really just “freshness dates,” the date through which the product is at its best quality. Depending on the product, food is still safe to consume weeks, months, or years after the recommended date.

Mr. Miller concluded by saying that if everyone committed to never throwing away food that could still be eaten by some in need, the hunger problem in our community would be solved.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. Ms. Bulat addressed the issue of the Federal Aid Swap program in Iowa about which the Commissioners had requested information at the May 23 meeting. The Transportation Policy Committee has jurisdiction over the utilization of SWAP, and had received a presentation from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IADOT). They learned that with SWAP, environmental review was still required. Mayor Klipsch noted that along with the \$4 million in SWAP received by the Iowa Quad Cities, the IADOT would be required to spend at least \$4 million in federal dollars that must comply with all federal rules, including Davis Bacon.

7. Other Business. Mr. Schloemer invited Commissioners to attend an Immigrant/Refugee Entrepreneur Summit in Moline on July 27. He said cost is \$20.00 per participant and is for those looking to start a business or already have started a business. Ms. Bulat announced that Ms. Miller is retiring from Bi-State Regional Commission after 30 years of service. Commissioners were invited to a retirement open house on Thursday, July 19.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Carroll-Duda

Secretary