

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

Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
Sixth Floor Conference Room  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maranda – Vice Chair, Beck, Broderson, Brunk, Carroll-Duda, Dawson, Deppe, Gallagher, Gradert, Heninger, Jones, Klipsch, Knobbe, Lawrence, Mendenhall, Newton-Butt, O’Boyle, Schloemer, Sorensen, Tompkins, Waldron

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Acri, Condon, Freeman, Geenen, Kinzer, Kiser, Lack, Looney, Mather, Moore, Sherwin, Stoermer, Tank, Thoms

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Limberg, Long Grove Mayor; Colonel Stephen Marr, Sergeant Major Brian Heffernan, John Ramsdale, Rock Island Arsenal

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

Vice Chair Maranda called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked for introductions.

1. Approval of the December 19, 2018 Minutes. Mr. Gradert moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting as presented. Mayor Klipsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Gallagher presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending December 31, 2018, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$743,877.70. Mayor Gallagher moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Gradert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$92,416.64, as listed on the following bills listing:

*Bills List*

Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP, final billing for year-end audit and single audit June 30, 2018	\$16,750.00
InfoGroup, USAGov US Businesses database license agreement December 19, 2018 thru December 13, 2019	2,100.00
National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), annual membership dues, January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 (\$2,000.00) and Regional Planning Organization subscription, January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019	2,500.00
Opportunity Alliance LLC, consulting related to the enterprise zone application, December 2018 services, (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	10,000.00

RK Dixon, final billing Tech Assessment Rural Communities Scott County(grant funded), regular and remote maintenance support	5,590.75
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer December 2018 services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	3,430.00
The Roosevelt Group LLC, December 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 meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); Intergovernmental meeting; 2 staff attending the Illinois Department of Transportation environmental training; Councils of Government meeting; 1 staff attending the Federal Highway Administration Extreme Weather Pilots’ Peer Exchange; 1 staff attending the 2018-2019 Civic Leadership Academy, Executive Director 101; 2 staff attending the 2019 Iowa Bicycle Summit; 3 staff attending the Effective Presentations & Public Speaking Training; office supplies	2,081.83
City of East Moline, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds	4,027.21
City of Rock Island, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds	18,763.45
Rock Island County Treasurer	7,173.40
02/2019 Rent	4,832.58
02/2019 Internet Access	88.00
12/2018 Managed Print Services	323.72
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11/2018 Postage	757.99
12/2018 Postage	581.94
September-November 2018 Print Overage	169.53
11/2018 Cell Phone	47.96
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Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the bills totaling \$92,416.64 as presented above. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2018-19 Program Budget as of December 31, 2018. Mayor O’Boyle explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 50% through the fiscal year with 44.5% expended and within budget.
  - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts/grants for consideration.
4. Executive Committee.
- a. Election of Officers. Vice Chair Maranda reported the Executive Committee, serving as the Nominating Committee, met January 23, 2019 to recommend a slate of officers for consideration to the full Commission. The By-Laws provide that officers shall serve a term of one year (with eligibility for re-election to a second term) and must be elected officials with no more than one officer from each jurisdiction and no more than two officers from the same state. The office begins March 1, 2019. The slate nominated is:
    - Chair – Ken “Moose” Maranda, Member, Rock Island County Board
    - Vice Chair – Bob Gallagher, Mayor, City of Davenport
    - Secretary – Jeff Sorensen, Member, Muscatine County Board
    - Treasurer – Kathy Carroll-Duda, Mayor, City of Geneseo

Vice Chair Maranda called for nominations from the floor, and none were received. Mayor O’Boyle motioned to approve the slate of officers as presented, and Ms. Mendenhall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Update on Rock Island Arsenal. Colonel Marr provided a presentation to the Commission. He manages services and facilities for the 950 acre (1.5 square mile) Arsenal Island. The Garrison has four overall priorities:

- Infrastructure - Addressing the urgent infrastructure challenges brought on by a decade of underinvestment
- Protection - Focusing on installation and full scale protection
- Soldier/Civilian Employee Programs - Improving the readiness and resilience of individual soldiers and civilians
- Family Programs - Improving the readiness and resilience of Army families, in order to allow soldiers to focus on their military occupation

RIA houses seven major Commands that reach 32 states and 20 countries, including Army Sustainment Command, Joint Munitions Command, Army Contracting Command, First Army, Army Corps of Engineers, Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center, and the Garrison itself. 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 Marr said that RIA is the largest local employer in the region with 4,523 civilian, 1,115 military, and 550 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.

The Rock Island Arsenal is the only full-service Army installation in Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota. It supports more than 54K active, reserve, and retired military; civilian employees; and family members within a 150-mile radius. RIA is home to over 60 Department of Defense organizations and private companies with a global impact.

Special aspects of RIA include being designated a National Historic Landmark in 1988; historic Quarters One built in 1871; the swing-span bridge completed in 1896; the Browning Museum built in 1905 (the Army’s second oldest); the Clock Tower Building built in 1867; the hydroelectric plant built in 1901; the National Cemetery established in 1863 and still active; the Arsenal Island Golf Course established in 1897; and Fort Armstrong established in 1816.

Colonel Marr 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.

Colonel Marr reported on the key initiatives of the Garrison involving partnerships with school districts and inter-governmental support agreements for services with adjacent communities.

Quarters One and the golf course is being developed into a shared asset with the community through an enhanced use lease with a private developer. Proposals are due in March with the hope that a new operator will be in place this year. Transforming RIA will also involve maintaining and improving the infrastructure including the hydroelectric dam and utilities through the Defense Community Infrastructure Program.

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.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments.
7. Other Business. Ms. Bulat reminded Commissioners of the Scott County Economic Development Summit on February 28, 2019 and advised that registration was open and announcements would go out via e-mail this week.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Carroll-Duda  
Secretary