

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

Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administrative Center
Sixth Floor Conference Room
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maranda – Chair, Acri, Beck, Broderson, Brunk, Carroll-Duda, Clewell, Dawson, Deppe, Freeman, Gallagher, Gradert, Heninger, Jones, Kinzer, Kiser, Klipsch, Knobbe, Lack, Lawrence, O’Boyle, Schloemer, Sherwin, Sorensen, Tank, Waldron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Condon, Mather, Mendenhall, Moore, Moore, Newton-Butt, Parker, Stoermer, Thoms

OTHERS PRESENT: Sergeant Major Brian Heffernan, Rock Island Arsenal; Ray Wolf, Science and Operations Officer, NOAA/National Weather Service

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

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

1. Approval of the May 22, 2019 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2019 meeting as presented. Mayor Gallagher seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Carroll-Duda presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending May 31, 2019, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$909,775.60. Mayor O’Boyle moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Knobbe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$65,697.40, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

RK Dixon, regular and remote maintenance support, license and maintenance renewals	\$ 2,013.97
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer May 2019 services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	2,940.00
The Doris and Victor Day Foundation, work completed in May 2019 for Census 2020 related activities (cost funded by RDA grant)	3,333.33
The Roosevelt Group LLC, May 2019 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	20,000.00

- d. Consideration of Recommended FY2020 Commission Planning Budget. Mayor Klipsch moved approval of the recommended FY2020 Commission budget plan as presented at the May 22, 2019 meeting. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
4. Presentation on Weather and Climate Resilience. Mr. Wolf provided an overview on weather and climate resilience. With a mission of a “Weather-Ready Nation,” the National Weather Service provides weather, water, and climate forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property, and for the enhancement of the national economy. Hazards planning and preparedness are core to this mission.

Mr. Wolf explained that climate is what you expect while weather is what you get. Weather records demonstrate variability and extremes, while climate is a trend over time. He showed the precipitation trend increasing between 1900 and 2010 from 28 inches to 32 inches annually. This change represents an increase of $\frac{1}{3}$ per inch over a decade, and has contributed to a 28% increase in flow of the Mississippi River. Understanding that climate change is occurring and the science behind these trends is critical for planning and preparedness as part of community resilience strategies.

In 2018, there were 14 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters in the United States. Between 1980 and 2019, the average trend has escalated from less than one to more than six per year on average. In 2011, there were 16 disasters. Resilience has significant economic importance as well as a social component of affected citizens. Urban areas with their redundant facilities tend to be more resilient than rural areas where there are fewer roads and resources. As well-demonstrated this past winter and spring, winter storms interrupted travel, and resulted in higher costs for snow removal. Increased frequency of freeze-thaw cycles affecting road surfaces are evidenced by potholes and poor pavement conditions. Record flooding affected bridges and culverts and closed roads. Mr. Wolf noted that Bi-State staff are working on a metropolitan extreme weather transportation resilience pilot that will help bring attention to these issues.

The future climate for the State of Illinois is predicted to be similar to the climate of our most southern states using lower emission and higher emission scenarios. As an example of best practices, the NWS office in Davenport is powered by 40% renewable energy. Other national and local air emission reduction efforts will help to contribute to the slowing of climate trends.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no further questions or comments by Commissioners.
6. Other Business. Ms. Bulat mentioned a Census training on July 26 at 11:00 a.m. at the J.B. Young Center in Davenport. She also said that Bi-State has flyers regarding promoting a complete count for the upcoming Census that will be available at each meeting. Mayor Klipsch stressed the importance of accurate population counts in order for communities to fund projects.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Sorensen
Secretary