

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

Wednesday, August 28, 2019, 3:30 p.m.
Scott County Administrative Center
Sixth Floor Conference Room
600 West Fourth Street
Davenport, IA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maranda – Chair, Broderson, Brunk, Carroll-Duda, Dawson, Deppe, Gradert, Heninger, Kinzer, Klipsch, Lack, Lawrence, Mather, Mendenhall, Moyer, Newton-Butt, O’Boyle, Parker, Poulos, Schloemer, Sherwin, Sorensen, Stoermer, Tank, Tompkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Beck, Condon, Freeman, Gallagher, Jones, Kiser, Knobbe, G. Moore, R. Moore, Waldron

OTHERS PRESENT: Sergeant Major Brian Heffernan, Rock Island Arsenal; Dr. Martin Abraham, Provost/Acting President, Western Illinois University

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough, Moritz

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

1. Approval of the July 24, 2019 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2019 meeting as presented. Mr. Stoermer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Carroll-Duda presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending July 31, 2019, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$851,151.30. Mayor Carroll-Duda moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor O’Boyle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$246,901.80, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

IMPLAN, annual subscription and one user license to economic impact analysis for planning	\$ 3,500.00
City of Rock Island, Municipal Code Enforcement System proceeds	19,931.61
Scott County, phone system charges for November 2018 through June 2019	2,040.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer July 2019 services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	2,850.00
The Doris and Victor Day Foundation, work completed in July 2019 for Census 2020 related activities (cost funded by RDA grant)	3,333.33
The Roosevelt Group LLC, July 2019 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	20,000.00

Addendum

City of Davenport, purchase and installation of Citibus Fareboxes (cost reimbursed by FTA grant)	150,042.00
Dell Marketing LP, 2 laptops, 4 monitors & sound bars	4,662.92
Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. (GHA), June & July 2019 professional expenses related to the Illinois 92 Corridor Study (cost funded by SPR grant and local government participants)	20,844.25
HDR Engineering, Inc., Mississippi River Rail Crossing Study for the period June 30 thru August 3, 2019 (80 percent of cost reimbursed by SPR grant)	10,000.00
Iowa Association of Councils of Governments, FY 2019-20 annual membership dues	3,900.00
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,797.69
09/2019 Rent	4,689.58
09/2019 Internet Access	88.00
08/2019 Managed Print Services	323.72
07/2019 Postage	575.87
07/2019 Cell Phone	120.52

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the bills totaling \$246,901.80 as presented above. Mayor Klipsch seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2019-20 Program Budget as of July 31, 2019. Mayor O’Boyle explained the Program Budget Status Report was mailed in members' packets. The Commission is 8.3% through the fiscal year with 6.9% expended and within budget.
 - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts or grants for consideration.
4. Update on Western Illinois University. Dr. Abraham is in the process of addressing the school’s number one challenge of improving enrollment. Since 2014, new freshman enrollment has been declining from 3,400 to 2,000 students currently. He looks forward to making more contacts within the Quad Cities area as he begins working toward stronger partnerships within the region.
- A key component to build WIU enrollment will be establishing stronger community business partnerships and growing online learning and services for 24/7 access. WIU is looking to grow the Quad Cities campus and blend offerings that are traditional to the Macomb campus with opportunities at the Quad Cities campus. Business oriented learning opportunities include offerings related to advanced manufacturing; GIS mapping; parks and recreation; and health professions, such as counselors and athletic trainers. New certification and credential programs would target adult audiences with curriculum programs that can be condensed and offered at times to allow full-time employment.
- Dr. Abraham said that WIU is going to be working with local community colleges to provide complimentary educational experiences for students looking at a 2-year college transition to a 4-year college, or niches where colleges would serve areas of focus. Mayor Klipsch noted that St. Ambrose and Augustana colleges should be included in collaborations. The partnerships noted will strengthen the educational opportunities within the region and support workforce and quality of life goals.
- 5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no further questions or comments.
 - 6. Other Business. Mayor Klipsch reported on the efforts of a consultant, Calibre, hired to review issues and strategies to strengthen the Rock Island Arsenal in the event of a potential Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in the next several years. He noted that while the Administration and Congress are not currently supporting a BRAC, Congress and the Secretary of Defense still affect BRAC by

potentially changing the evaluation criteria and responding to the political climate and world events. Criteria will emphasize efficiency and joint-ness with public data utilized wherever possible. In addition, both Congress and the Secretary of Defense are exploring use of BRAC-like authorities in the interim, meaning some realignment could occur outside of the formal BRAC process.

There are many significant influences on Army installations including evolving global threats, rapidly developing technologies, and the development of the multi-domain battlespace (land, air, sea, space, and cyber). The expectation is for a modern installation from a modern Army balanced with continued budget challenges.

The summary of key actions identified in the Calibre report are:

- Enhancing community attributes affecting soldiers/families – employment, housing, and education opportunities; integration of community with the installation
- Continuing cost-reducing partnerships with surrounding communities – solid waste, water, wastewater, fiber connections, workforce training, internships, etc.
- Demonstrating low preponderance of natural disasters like hurricanes
- Proactively supporting current/future technology – creating/expanding relationships between the installation and businesses developing technologies, cyber security, etc.
- Continuing to explore the availability of sustainable resources and develop long-term plans for sustainability – hydropower, solar, etc.
- Continuing robust community support of soldiers/families and Army missions

Mayor Klipsch also reported on the Roosevelt Group's (the Arsenal lobbyist hired by the community) strategy moving forward that includes supporting the Calibre report recommendations and:

- Maintaining/supporting the relevance of the Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence to the Army
- Following the Large Scale Additive Arsenal Concept (3D Printing) and other opportunities to attract Research Development Test & Evaluation projects with appropriate sponsors
- Enhancing/facilitating partnerships with the Army Research Lab
- Supporting on-going efforts at the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center such as the ambulance line and other potential lines of effort that may need support
- Attracting sustainment of munitions to the Joint Munitions Command (JMC)

Mayor Klipsch stressed the winning themes and community actions that will make the Arsenal stronger are relevance and mission readiness, efficiency and productivity today and tomorrow, cost effectiveness, and effective partnerships.

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Sorensen
Secretary