

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

Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 3:30 p.m.  
Scott County Administrative Center  
Sixth Floor Conference Room  
600 West Fourth Street  
Davenport, IA

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Maranda – Chair, Beck, Broderson, Brunk, Carroll-Duda, Dawson, Deppe, Freeman, Heninger, Jones, Klipsch, Lawrence, Mather, Mendenhall, G. Moore, O’Boyle, Parker, Schloemer, Stoermer, Tank, Tompkins, Waldron

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Acri, Condon, Gallagher, Gradert, Kinzer, Kiser, Knobbe, Lack, R. Moore, Newton-Butt, Sherwin, Sorensen, Thoms

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mia Frommelt, Bohnsack & Frommelt

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

Chair Maranda called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the November 20, 2019 Minutes. Mayor Klipsch moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting as presented. Mr. Deppe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Carroll-Duda presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending November 30, 2019, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$795,015.68. Mayor Carroll-Duda moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Ms. Tompkins seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$79,723.43, as listed on the following bills listing:

**Bills List**

Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. (GHA), September and October 2019 professional expenses related to the Illinois 92 Corridor Study cost funded by SPR grant and local government participants)	\$28,347.60
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer November 2019 services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	3,255.00
The Roosevelt Group LLC, November 2019 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	20,000.00



Mr. Stoermer made a motion to renew the Executive Director’s annual employment agreement with a 2% merit increase in addition to any budgeted wage adjustment received by all staff across the board. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. I-74 Update. Mr. Ryan provided an overview on the status of the I-74 Bridge Corridor Project. He reviewed the progress of the various contractors on all projects that had been let for bid and information regarding future lettings.

There have been multiple challenges to the work, and a task force has been developed to minimize potential future delays. Some of the challenges have included stabilizing the abutments in Moline, settlement time for the westbound viaduct in Bettendorf, and the arch construction. The solutions involved ground improvement elements used to reinforce weak soils, steps to minimize settlement time for the viaduct, pre-assembly of the floor system, advanced deck pours, and moving completion of non-essential tasks and finishing items until after the bridge is open.

In Iowa, the contractors have been working on the westbound viaduct and associated structures. In Illinois, the contractors have been working on the I-74 mainline both north and south of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and continuing the arch assembly and preassembling the bridge deck.

Mr. Ryan noted a public meeting was held December 11, 2019 to review new traffic patterns for the project. The revised traffic patterns are proposed to reduce project delays that will in turn reduce the duration of local road congestion. This will also allow contractors to start reconstructing eastbound I-74 lanes. In the spring, eastbound local Interstate 74 traffic will be shifted off the Interstate at the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit in Moline to 19<sup>th</sup> Street, and will reenter I-74 via the Avenue of the Cities ramp.

He also stated the project team continues to meet with municipalities, Bi-State, and emergency response teams on a regular basis. The project continues to receive a large number of positive media coverage as well as attention on social media and the project website.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no other questions or comments by Commissioners
6. Other Business. Ms. Bulat reported that Census recruitment increased the pay rate for workers. There were pop-up fairs in Iowa with Illinois fairs to come. She encouraged communities to insert pictures of what the Census mailing will look like into monthly bills so that community members will know what to look for to encourage Census participation. She also noted that the iFiber co-application will be submitted next month. Bi-State is not being asked to contribute money or to write the grant. Ms. Bulat stated that this could bring in more service providers to the area.

Chair Maranda gave certificates of appreciation to outgoing Commissioners Klipsch and Tompkins and thanked them for their service.

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Sorensen  
Secretary