

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

Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 3:30 p.m.
Teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maranda – Chair, Acri, Beck, Broderson, Brunk, Dawson, Deppe, Dunn, Freeman, Gallagher, Gradert, Heninger, Jones, Kinzer, Kiser, Lack, Lawrence, Matson, Mendenhall, Newton-Butt, O’Boyle, Peacock, Saucedo, Schloemer, Sorensen, Stoermer, Tank, Thoms, Waldron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Knobbe, G. Moore, R. Moore, Parker, Sherwin

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Kotter, City of Eldridge Administrator

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough

Chair Maranda called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. Approval of the March 25, 2020 Minutes. Mr. Stoermer moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2020 meeting as presented. Mayor Thoms seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Jones presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending March 31, 2020, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$747,518.00. Mr. Jones moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Dawson and Mr. Deppe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$155,250.25, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

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| HDR Engineering, Inc., Mississippi River Rail Crossing Study for the period March 1 to March 28, 2020 | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Lamar, Quad Cities Iowa advertising and Illinois Census Campaign advertising | 10,000.00 |
| The Roosevelt Group LLC, March 2020 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments) | 20,000.00 |

Addendum

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| Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to Managers & Administrators Committee meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 1 staff attending “The Coronavirus in the Workplace” webinar; annual subscription to NinitePro for Automated software updates; 2 staff attending the National Walking Summit; 1 staff attending the Region 2 Transit Advisory Committee Spring Conference; 2 staff attending the Illinois Community Development Block Grant Training; 1 staff attending the TransCAD Travel Demand Modeling training; office supplies | 2,699.17 |
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| Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. (GHA), December 30, 2019 | | | 101,419.10 |
| to February 29, 2020 professional expenses related to the Illinois 92 | | | |
| Corridor Study (cost funded by SPR grant and local government participants) | | | |
| Rock Island County Treasurer | | | 6,131.98 |
| 05/2020 | Rent | 4,689.58 | |
| 05/2020 | Internet Access | 88.00 | |
| 05/2020 | Managed Print Services | 326.96 | |
| 12/2019 – 2/2020 | Xerox Overage | 11.95 | |
| 03/2020 | Postage | 589.27 | |
| 03/2020 | Printing | 265.45 | |
| 03/2020 | Supplies | 109.50 | |
| 02/2020 | Cell Phone | 51.27 | |
| | | | <u>155,250.25</u> |

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the bills totaling \$155,250.25 as presented above. Mr. Stoermer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2019-20 Program Budget as of March 31, 2020. Mayor O’Boyle explained the Program Budget Status Report was e-mailed to members prior to the meeting. The Commission is 75.0% through the fiscal year with 70.9% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following grant for consideration.
 - Approval of resolution to authorize staff to apply for, provide match, and receive grant from the Economic Development Administration for planning services in the of \$210,000 with \$210,000 match for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

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

- 4. Consideration of Adoption of Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2020 Progress Report. Ms. Bulat presented the final draft of the *Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) 2020 Progress Report* that had been distributed to Commissioners for review and provided to the public on the Bi-State website. Minor comments were received through the 30-day review regarding economic development related projects as noted in the projects list.

Mr. Beck moved to approve a resolution to adopt the 2020 CEDS Progress Report, and to submit the report to the Economic Development Administration. Mayor Dawson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- 5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. Chair Maranda asked Ms. Bulat for any updates on the 2020 Census. Ms. Bulat stated that all counties in the Bi-State Region are keeping up with the national averages and are doing well. Work continues with enumeration beginning over a month later. Also, the self-response deadline has been extended at a minimum through August. Ms. Bulat emphasized that front-line workers benefit from accurate Census data.

Mayor O’Boyle introduced Lisa Kotter, the City of Eldridge’s new administrator. She will be attending Transportation Technical Committee meetings.

Mayor Matson noted that he had requested information regarding Centennial Bridge inspections, which was provided by Bi-State outreach to Illinois DOT. He suggested that Bi-State schedule a presentation from ILDOT on maintenance and safety of the bridge.

Mr. Beck attended a teleconference on the I-80 Bridge Preliminary Environmental Linkage Study, and requested a presentation. Mayor Gallagher noted that there is information on the study on the IADOT website.

Ms. Bulat noted that she would work on securing presentations on the two topics and noted ILDOT engineer Becky Marruffo would be able to present on both topics.

6. Other Business. Chair Maranda reminded Commissioners of the next meeting in May, and that it will most likely be another teleconference. He also noted that the June meeting is still scheduled as an in-person meeting with The Roosevelt Group being the presentation.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Sorensen
Secretary