

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

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 3:30 p.m.  
Teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maranda – Chair, Beck, Broderson, Brunk, Dawson, Deppe, Freeman, Gallagher, Gradert, Heninger, Holmes, Jones, Kinzer, Kiser, Knobbe, Lack, Lawrence, Limberg, Matson, Mendenhall, Newton, Peacock, Schloemer, Sherwin, Sorensen, Stoermer, Tank, Thoms, Waldron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Acri, Dunn, G. Moore, R. Moore, O’Boyle, Parker, Saucedo

OTHERS PRESENT: Trish Burnett, Executive Director of the American Red Cross Serving the Quad Cities & West Central Illinois; Patricia D’Alessandro, American Red Cross for the Quad Cities and West Central Illinois Volunteer

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, McCullough

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

1. Approval of the October 28, 2020 Minutes. Mayor Thoms moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2020 meeting as presented. Mr. Kinzer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Jones presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending October 31, 2020, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$736,014.36. Mr. Jones moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Brunk seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$34,402.54, as listed on the following bills listing:

*Bills List*

The Roosevelt Group LLC, October 2020 Legislative Technical Services	\$20,000.00
(cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer October 2020 services	2,940.00
(cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	

*Addendum*

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to 2 Perpetual Migration License Renewals; 1 staff virtual attending the 2020 Upper Midwest APA Conference; 3 staff virtual attending the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Conference; 1 staff attending The Upper Mississippi River Conference webinar; office supplies	3,170.45
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,634.82
12/2020 Rent	4,689.58
12/2020 Internet Access	88.00
11/2020 Managed Print Services	326.96
10/2020 Postage	504.29
10/2020 Cell Phone	25.99
Servpro, positive COVID Cleaning	2,003.75

Mr. Waldron moved approval of the bills totaling \$34,402.54 as presented above. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2020-21 Program Budget as of October 31, 2020. Ms. Bulat explained the Program Budget Status Report was sent to prior to the meeting. The Commission is 33.3% through the fiscal year with 28.4% expended and within budget.
  - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts or grants for consideration.
4. Update on the Long Range Transportation Schedule. Ms. McCullough provided a brief update on the status of the Quad Cities MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) and Region 9 Transportation Long Range Plans’ (LRTPs) updates. In both cases, there has been a number of pre-planning efforts in the last two years leading up to the development of each plan. In the Quad Cities, an extreme weather resilience pilot has been completed, and studies have been conducted for the Illinois 92 corridor from Rock Island to Silvis and the Mississippi River rail bridges. As part of the development of the MPO travel demand, staff created a database and parcel mapping layer to use for base-year 2020 residential and commerce activity that will feed future traffic projections. A Quad Cities traffic safety plan will be released in December, and notice was received that the Mississippi River Port Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois had been designated on October 19, 2020. For the MPO LRTP, a draft plan is anticipated in early 2021 with consideration of adoption in March.

Region 9 Transportation Planning Area includes rural Scott County and Muscatine County areas. Pre-planning includes completion of the Muscatine County Trails Plan, both county hazard mitigation plans, and the Regional Transit Development Plan update. The Region 9 LRTP is expected to be available for public review by the end of the year and consideration of adoption in early 2021.

5. Update on Activities of the American Red Cross. Ms. Burnett outlined the core services of the Red Cross as preparedness and health and safety, biomedical, services to the armed forces, and international. The Quad Cities & West Central Illinois Chapter serves 21 counties, 13 in Illinois, 4 in Iowa and 4 in Missouri with a population of 791,596. The Chapter headquarters is located in Moline.

She noted the services delivered within the Chapter in FY20 included:

- 938 people affected by home fires and local disasters assisted
- 6,254 people trained in lifesaving skills through First Aid, CPR and ED, aquatics, babysitting and non-fee enrollee classes
- 306 volunteers donated 21,733 work hours
- 362 emergency communications, emergency financial assistance, and critical community services to military members and families facilitated
- 1,085 free smoke alarms and made 453 homes safer installed
- 8,222 units of blood at 324 blood drives collected

Disaster Response in FY20 to the region included 30 incidents and 114 people assisted in Scott County, 38 incidents and 171 people assisted in Rock Island County, 11 incidents and 38 people assisted in Henry County, and 12 incidents 60 people assisted in Muscatine County. Ms. Burnett encouraged local governments to reach out to the Red Cross especially for home fires due to their many services to victims beyond financial services.

Ms. D’Alessandro provided an overview of the Disaster Cycle Services, which are prepare, respond, and recover. Examples of preparedness programs include The Pillowcase Project, Prepare with Pedro, free smoke alarm installations, hands-only CPR, Ready Rating and Be Red Cross Ready.

Within the response and recovery efforts, the Red Cross responds to more home fires than any other disaster with the goal to respond to every home fire and provide services as needed. She noted local fire responses during the pandemic includes a duty officer gathering information on the event and the client. A caseworker then calls the client to determine the needs of the client before sending a “runner” sent to client to assist. Another response and recovery activity are Canteening Services, which include providing food, snacks, and hydration to first responders upon request.

Ms. D’Alessandro emphasized that services designed to meet client needs and Emergency Operations Plans outline the roles and responsibilities of the responders. American Red Cross is part of the larger community response. For smaller disasters, shelter may be provided to clients by providing funds to use as needed in their recovery. For a large disaster, shelters are opened for clients. She noted non-congregate shelter are preferred during the pandemic. Health, mental health, and spiritual care may also be provided. For example, health services help with replacement of medication and durable medical equipment.

Services for larger disaster responses include the distribution of emergency supplies, and may be fixed or mobile and are tailored to meet specific disaster-caused needs. They begin soon after the disaster has occurred.

To assist clients to transition to recovery, casework and recovery planning services are provided that may include financial assistance, referrals, and the development of a personalized recovery strategy.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. None.
7. Other Business. Chair Maranda asked Denise Bulat to report on the port statistical area efforts. Ms. Bulat reported the port statistical area had been federally recognized. The Iowa DOT was holding a meeting with regional planning organizations to discuss next steps, and the Illinois DOT had released their draft maritime plan for public review. Also, a workshop was being planned with the Maritime Administration. She noted Bob Sinkler had done a significant amount of work to form the Mississippi River Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Port Statistical Area (PSA’s) and two additional PSA’s to form the “Cornbelt Ports.” He will be presenting on these efforts at a future Transportation Policy Committee.

Chair Maranda thanked Roger Gradert and Rex Kiser for their service as they have not run for re-election to the Henry County Board. He noted the next meeting would be held via Zoom, and that Colonel Allison would report on the activities of Rock Island Arsenal.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Sorensen  
Secretary