

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

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 3:30 p.m.
Teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maranda – Chair, Acri, Beck, Breeden, Broderson, Brunk, Dawson, Deppe, Dunn, Freeman, Gallagher, Heninger, Kendall, Kinzer, Knobbe, Lack, Lawrence, Limberg, Matson, Mendenhall, Newton, O’Boyle, Parker, Peacock, Saucedo, Schloemer, Sherwin, Stoermer, Thompson, Waldron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Holmes, G. Moore, R. Moore, Sorensen, Tank, Thoms

OTHERS PRESENT: Colonel Todd Allison, Garrison Commander, Rock Island Arsenal

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough

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

1. Approval of the November 18, 2020 Minutes. Mayor Dawson moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting as presented. Mayor Acri seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor O’Boyle presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending November 30, 2020, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$764,986.02. Mayor O’Boyle moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Kinzer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.

- a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$62,813.30, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

GMS, annual accounting license, service and support for software	\$ 4,630.50
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrator Hearing Officer November 2020 services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	2,065.00
The Roosevelt Group LLC, November 2020 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	20,000.00

Addendum

InfoUSA Marketing, Inc., Data Axle License Agreement December 14, 2020 to December 13, 2021	2,100.00
Mel Foster Insurance, annual premium for renewals of Business Owner’s Package, Crime Policy, Auto Policy, Worker’s Comp Policy, Umbrella Policy, Public Officials Policy	14,020.33
National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), NADO Sustaining Membership thru 12/31/2021	4,000.00
Regional Development Authority, unused portion of 2020 U.S. Census funds	10,379.93

Rock Island County Treasurer			5,617.54
01/2021	Rent	4,689.58	
01/2021	Internet Access	88.00	
12/2020	Managed Print Services	326.96	
11/2020	Postage	487.00	
11/2020	Cell Phone	26.00	

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the bills totaling \$62,813.30 as presented above. Mayor Dawson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2020-21 Program Budget as of November 30, 2020. Mayor O’Boyle explained the Program Budget Status Report was sent to prior to the meeting. The Commission is 41.7% through the fiscal year with 35.0% expended and within budget.
 - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts or grants for consideration.
4. Rock Island Arsenal Update. Colonel Allison manages services and facilities for the 946 acres of Arsenal Island, which has a significant global and strategic reach. Since 1862, the Rock Island Arsenal (RIA) has been a national treasure and cornerstone of the Bi-State Region. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1988, which includes historic Quarters One built in 1871, the swing-span bridge completed in 1896, the Browning Museum built in 1905 (the Army’s second oldest), the Clock Tower Building built in 1867, the hydroelectric plant built in 1901, the National Cemetery established in 1863 and still active, the Arsenal Island Golf Course established in 1897, and Fort Armstrong established in 1816.

Colonel Allison said that RIA is the largest local employer in the Bi-State Region with 5,089 civilian, 471 military, and 669 contracted employees; 42% of this workforce are veterans. The induced employment impact of RIA is over 14,000 community jobs. The regional reach may also be demonstrated through the distribution of the employees of RIA that are 54% from Iowa and 43% from Illinois. Salaries average \$75,989, and the local economic impact of is over \$1.2 billion per year.

The Rock Island Arsenal is the only full-service Army installation in Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota. It supports more than 54K active, reserve, and retired military; civilian employees; and family members within a 150-mile radius, with 256 housing residents living on the island.

The Rock Island Arsenal is home to over 60 Department of Defense organizations and private companies with a global impact. RIA houses five major Commands that reach 32 states and 20 countries, including Army Sustainment Command, Joint Munitions Command, Army Contracting Command, First Army, and the Army Corps of Engineers.

The vision of the Rock Island Arsenal is to support “the readiness needs of the United States Army by leveraging local, operational, and strategic partnerships, focused on mission assurance now and into the future. RIA is the “Installation of Choice” to live and work.” The Installation Plan includes maintaining the environment that enables Rock Island Arsenal commands and organizations to successfully execute enduring missions and emerging requirements; providing programs that allow service members, families, and civilians to achieve their full potential and that enhance overall quality of life; fostering mutually supporting community partnerships, and leveraging community resources and relationships to improve services on and around RIA.

Key initiatives of the RIA include Inter-Governmental Support Agreements, the Defense Community Infrastructure Program, Quarters One/Golf Course and Associated Facilities Enhanced Use Lease, Energy and Water Strategy or Energy Resiliency and Real Estate Management Legislation. Colonel Allison reported these initiatives are accomplished by working with the region through open communication, a robust local economy, an affordable cost of living, working with various local partners, and utilizing current and future technologies.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. None.

6. Other Business. Ms. Bulat welcomed new Commissioners representing Henry County Kippy Breeden (Chair), Shawn Kendall, and James Thompson. Ms. Breeden expressed her thanks and appreciation for the Commission.

Ms. Bulat also reminded Commissioners about the Census survey sampling process that had begun to check the accuracy of the 2020 Census that she had sent in e-mail prior to the meeting.

7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Sorensen
Secretary