

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

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 3:30 p.m.  
Rock Island County Office Building  
Third Floor Board Room  
1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gallagher – Chair, Beck, Breeden, Dohrmann, Dunn, Freeman, Heninger, Lack, Lawrence, Matson, Maxwell, Mendenhall, Mielke, Newton, O’Boyle, Poulos, Rayapati, Roethler, Sauer, Schloemer, Stoermer, Thompson, Vyncke, Waldron

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Broderson, Brunk, Dawson, Deppe, Holmes, Kendall, Kinzer, G. Moore, R. Moore, Parker, Saucedo, Sherwin

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathy Morris, Waste Commission of Scott County

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

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

1. Ratify Actions taken and Approval of the June 23, 2021 and July 28, 2021 Minutes. Items from the June 23, 2021 and the July 28, 2021 meetings were ratified. Mr. Maxwell motioned to ratify the June 23, 2021 treasurer’s report, and Ms. Mendenhall seconded. Mr. Maxwell moved to ratify the June 23, 2021 contracts, and Mr. Stoermer seconded. Mr. Beck moved to ratify the July treasurer’s report, and Mayor Matson seconded. Mr. Beck motioned to ratify the minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting, and Ms. Mendenhall seconded.
2. Approval of the August 25, 2021 Minutes. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2021 meeting as presented. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor O’Boyle presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending August 31, 2021, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$609,012.68. Mayor O’Boyle moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
4. Finance and Personnel Committee.

- a. Bills. Mayor O’Boyle presented the bills totaling \$28,850.91, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Caliper Corporation – Support TransCAD Standard Licenses – 1 Year Renewal	\$ 3,000.00
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Administrative Hearing Officer August 2021 services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	2,170.00
The Roosevelt Group LLC, August 2021 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	15,000.00

Addendum

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to 1 staff attending the National Association of Development Organization (NADO) conference; Managers & Administrators meeting (cost reimbursed by participants); 2 staff attending NACIS (North American Cartographic Information Society) Annual Meeting; 1 staff membership to NAGW (National Association of Web Professionals); office supplies	2,903.14
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,777.77
10/2021 Rent	4,979.25
10/2021 Internet Access	88.00
09/2021 Managed Print Services	236.12
08/2021 Postage	371.97
08/2021 Supplies	76.40
08/2021 Cell Phone	26.03

Mayor O’Boyle moved approval of the bills totaling \$28,850.91 as presented above. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2020-21 Program Budget as of August 31, 2021. Mayor O’Boyle explained the Program Budget Status Report was sent prior to the meeting. The Commission is 16.7% through the fiscal year with 14.6% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contract for consideration.
  - Contract with Village of Port Byron to update their comprehensive plan. The contract is for \$12,500 and will run from November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

Mayor O’Boyle made a motion to approve the contract for Port Byron. Mr. Beck seconded, and the contract was approved by unanimous vote.

- 5. Overview on the Quad Cities Mississippi River Plastic Pollution Initiative. Ms. Morris provided an overview of a USEPA Trash Free Waters Grant application and an initiative through the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative (MRCTI). The greater Quad Cities area is well poised for a cooperative litter data collection and action effort. Environmental partners across the area have come together to provide clean-ups over the last 17 years as part of Xstream Cleanup. This effort equates to 21,404 volunteers, 57,182 hours and 1,107,859 pounds of trash collected.

As a named urbanized area in the notice of intent for the USEPA Trash Free Waters grant, and local mayor participation in the MRCTI, a natural collaboration evolved to participate in the Mississippi River Plastic Pollution Initiative. The Quad Cities Plastic Pollution Initiative will be an area-wide volunteer citizen science data and litter collection project set for October 2021. It will culminate in a report on the types of litter that can make its way into the river and eventually the Gulf of Mexico. The October 2021 initiative will provide information to inform actions proposed in the Trash Free Waters grant.

Ms. Morris noted that a press event is scheduled for October 15. Download the marine debris tracker app <https://debristracker.org/Mississippi> to collect data on litter with an emphasis on plastics, and details on brands and types of litter. Volunteers are encouraged to join a clean-

up event, select a mapped location, or take a walk in the Quad Cities area to participate in this unique opportunity.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. Mr. Mielke wondered about where we are with Illinois DNR about floodplain mapping. Ms. Bulat is working on letter of response in regard to that. She noted hundreds of parcels have been added to floodplain, affecting businesses and private residences. She will be sending out that letter in the following weeks to Illinois DNR and other Illinois state representatives.
7. Other Business. Chair Gallagher and Ms. Bulat reported that the next meeting will be the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon will be at Hotel BlackHawk. Invitations will be sent out by e-mail with options for a plated meal. Members of the Iowa and Illinois DOTs will be presenting.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Broderson', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Diana Broderson  
Secretary