

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

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
Bettendorf City Hall
Second Floor Board Room
1609 State Street
Bettendorf, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gallagher–Chair, Beck, Breeden, Brunk, Dawson, Deppe, Dunn, Freeman, Heninger, Holmes, Kinzer, Lawrence, Limberg, Matson, Mendenhall, Mielke, Rayapati, Roethler, Sauer, Schloemer, Stoermer, Thompson, Thoms, Waldron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kendall, Lack, Mather, Maxwell, G. Moore, R. Moore, Newton, Parker, Sherwin

OTHERS PRESENT: Colonel Todd Allison, Garrison Commander, Rock Island Arsenal; John Gripp, City of Rock Island

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough

1. Approval of the December 15, 2021 Minutes. Mr. Stoermer moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting as presented. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Brunk presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending December 31, 2021, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$458,357.12. Mr. Brunk moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Matson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mr. Waldron presented the bills totaling \$47,266.88, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (esri), ArcGIS Network Analyst Desktop Concurrent Use Perpetual License and Annual Maintenance December 29, 2021 to December 28, 2022	\$3,000.00
InterGen, Inc., initial 50% payment for website design services	4,800.00
Mel Foster Insurance, 2022 annual premium for renewals of Business Owners Package, Crime Policy, Auto Policy, Umbrella Policy, Public Officials Policy	9,958.69
The Roosevelt Group, LLC, December 2021 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments)	15,000.00
Scott County Kids Early Childhood Initiative (ECI), refund for ECI Plan	4,170.55

Addendum

Dell Marketing, L.P., 1 Precision 5820 Tower XCTO Base computer;				5,169.69
3 OptiPlex 5090 Small Form Factor BTX computers				
Rock Island County Treasurer				5,677.95
02/2022	Rent	4,979.25		
02/2022	Internet Access	88.00		
01/2022	Managed Print Services	239.77		
12/2021	Postage	334.99		
12/2021	Cell Phone	25.94		

Correction

Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (esri), on Bills List showed total as \$3,000.00; it should have been less \$500.00 (Primary Annual Maintenance for period December 29, 2022 to December 28, 2023 to be paid January 2023), making the total instead \$2,500.00 2,500.00

Mr. Waldron moved approval of the bills totaling \$47,266.88 as presented above. Ms. Breeden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2020-21 Program Budget as of December 31, 2021. Mr. Waldron explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed in Commission members’ packets. The Commission is 50.0% through the fiscal year with 41.1% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contract addendum for consideration.

— Contract with Intergeren to redesign the Bi-State Regional Commission website for up to \$20,000 in Cares Act EDA funding, and to be completed by July 31, 2022.

Mr. Stoermer moved approval of the contract extension as presented above. Mr. Waldron seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Executive Committee.

- a. Election of Officers. Chair Gallagher reported the Executive Committee, serving as the Nominating Committee, met January 26, 2022 to recommend a slate of officers for consideration to the full Commission. The By-Laws provide that officers shall serve a term of one year (with eligibility for re-election to a second term) and must be elected officials with no more than one officer from each jurisdiction and no more than two officers from the same state. The office begins March 1, 2022. The slate nominated is:

- Chair – Bob Gallagher, Mayor, City of Bettendorf
- Vice Chair – Kippy Breeden, Chair, Henry County Board
- Secretary – Scott Sauer, Chair, Muscatine County Board
- Treasurer – Richard “Quijas” Brunk, Chair, Rock Island County Board

Chair Gallagher called for nominations from the floor, and none were received. Mr. Deppe motioned to approve the slate of officers as presented, and Mr. Sauer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The secretary will begin the term in February as that position is currently vacant.

5. Commission Committee Assignments for 2022-2023. Chair Gallagher presented the list of the 2022-2023 officers and committees distributed at the meeting. Mayor Limberg motioned to approve the Commission officers and committee assignments as presented. Mr. Dunn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Update on Rock Island Arsenal. Colonel Allison provided a presentation on the Rock Island Arsenal to the Commission. He manages services and facilities for the 946-acre Arsenal Island, which has a significant global and strategic reach. The Arsenal was named one of the top five U.S. Army Garrisons in 2021 and 2019 due to the diverse commands on the Island and the many projects that are planned. The Rock Island Arsenal is home to over 50 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.

Colonel Allison noted that this year is the 160th Anniversary of the RIA. Since 1862, RIA has been a national treasure and cornerstone of the Bi-State Region. The RIA was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1988 that 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 4,995 civilians and 510 military with 38% of the workforce being veterans. The 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 53% from Iowa and 43% from Illinois. Salaries average \$71,784, 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 RIA.

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 (such as PX, vendor access, and recreation improvements for residents); fostering mutually supporting community partnerships, and leveraging community resources and relationships to improve services on and around RIA and contributes to the Region; and develop, build, and maintain sustainable infrastructure and energy that supports readiness through mission assurance.

Specific to a facility management strategy will be the development of a program that includes energy resiliency initiatives including improvements to the hydro power plant, small installation privatization initiatives, and a multiple listing services pilot. The privatization pilot will allow for private housing development on the RIA with the potential private developer improving Quarters One and the Arsenal Golf Club. Currently, Quarters One is being scheduled for tours and weddings. Promoting the Island as a tourism destination is one concept that is being explored including reestablishing tours to the many historic destinations on the RIA.

Inter-Governmental Support Agreements, the Defense Community Infrastructure Program, Promoting Community Access to the Arsenal, and Promoting RIA as a Recreational and Tourism Destination are all community support initiatives of the Arsenal. These will be accomplished thru community leader/staff advocacy, regional long range planning, grant writing support, facilitating conversations with community partners including the Bi-State Regional Commission, and co-sponsoring Arsenal engagement meetings with the Defense Alliance facilitated by the Garrison Commander and staff.

Colonel Allison concluded by reporting 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. Also, a Defense Community Engagement Meeting is being planned for Spring 2022.

7. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.
8. Other Business. There was no other business
9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Sauer
Secretary