

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

Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
Bettendorf City Hall
Second Floor Board Room
1609 State Street
Bettendorf, Iowa

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gallagher–Chair, Beck, Brunk, Dawson, Deppe, Dunn, Freeman, Heninger, Holmes, Kinzer, Lawrence, Limberg, Matson, Maxwell, Mielke, Newton, Rayapati, Sauer, Schloemer, Waldron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Breeden, Kendall, Lack, Mather, Mendenhall, G. Moore, R. Moore, Parker, Roethler, Sherwin, Stoermer, Thompson, Thoms

OTHERS PRESENT: Rich Kinney, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service Quad Cities; Colonel Todd Allison, Garrison Commander, Rock Island Arsenal; Anthony Heddlesen, City of Riverdale

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough

1. Approval of the January 26, 2022 Minutes. Mr. Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2022 meeting as presented. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Waldron presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending January 31, 2022, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$755,392.95. Mr. Waldron moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mr. Waldron presented the bills totaling \$91,387.61, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

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| Rock Island Arsenal Defense Alliance, Transferring remaining funds balance for The Roosevelt Group, LLC to Rock Island Arsenal management to commence February 2022 | \$60,000.00 |
| The Roosevelt Group, LLC, January 2022 Legislative Technical Services (cost reimbursed by participating member governments) | 15,000.00 |
| ServPro, December 2021 and January 2022 positive COVID cleaning | 4,607.67 |

Addendum

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| Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to: 1 staff attending 2022 Transportation Research Board (TBA) Annual Meeting; 1 staff attending 2022 NADO Conference; Jan. 7th Mgrs. & Admin. Mtg. (cost reimbursed by participants); Jan. 21st CEO/CAO Mtg. (cost reimbursed by participants); 3 staff attending 8th Annual Quad Cities Stormwater Conference; 3 staff attending Annual Rural Economic Development Conference; Membership renewals; Software subscriptions; Office supplies | 3,880.13 |
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| InfoUSA Marketing, Inc., Data Axle License Agreement December 14, 2021 to December 13, 2022 | 2,100.00 |
| Rock Island County Treasurer | 5,799.81 |
| 03/2022 | Rent 4,979.25 |
| 03/2022 | Internet Access 88.00 |
| 02/2022 | Managed Print Services 239.77 |
| 01/2022 | Postage 390.47 |
| 01/2022 | Supplies 76.40 |
| 01/2022 | Cell Phone 25.92 |

Mr. Waldron moved approval of the bills totaling \$91,387.61 as presented above. Mr. Schloemer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2020-21 Program Budget as of January 31, 2022. Mr. Waldron explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed in Commission members’ packets. The Commission is 58.3% through the fiscal year with 52.7% expended and within budget.
 - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts or grants for consideration.
4. Adoption of Technical Revisions to the *Connect QC 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan Chapters 3 and 4.* Ms. McCullough presented the technical corrections to the *Connect QC 2050: Quad Cities Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)* as recommended to the Commission by the Quad Cities MPO Transportation Policy Committee. Staff found that there were projects inadvertently left off a full build scenario map as part of preparation for publication and review during the Surface Transportation Block Grant programming process. These projects were in the travel demand model, but not represented on the map. A table of locally fiscally constrained projects was unchanged and used to benchmark the full build and future projects maps for 2030 and 2050. In the maps and table representing the state future projects, there were clarifications made to terminus for Illinois 92, and projects added at I-80 and Northwest Boulevard, and the north section of I-74 (funding not yet secured).

No new local projects were added as part of the technical corrections to maintain the fiscal constraint of the plan. Two projects in Moline and Rock Island that were in the 2045 LRTP were carried forward to an unmet needs table where projects listed would require a plan amendment to be considered for federal funds, or wait for the next plan update. The Policy Committee held a public hearing on February 22, and solicitation for comments was sent 30-days prior as part of the public notification process, including a public hearing notice as part of the Policy Committee meeting. No comments were received on the technical corrections. Following Commission approval, the LRTP adopted in March 2021, and with the approved technical corrections will be published in late spring 2022.

- 5. Status of the *Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Progress Report 2022.* Ms. Bulat provided a brief update on the status of the *Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Progress Report 2022 (CEDS)*. The CEDS is redeveloped every five years and must be completed for the region to receive federal funds from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The last full update was in 2021, and a progress report is prepared annually. The planning process is a collaborative effort with participation from local governments, economic development organizations, institutions of

higher learning, and workforce training organizations. In order to ensure full representation of the region, meetings have been held throughout the Bi-State Region. The CEDS also serves as an umbrella economic development overview with broad goals that support projects from across the region.

Ms. Bulat explained the CEDS progress report includes a summary of economic and demographic data; an analysis on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to the region; a review of progress made toward the goals and strategies identified in the 2022 CEDS; and a comprehensive list of economic development projects that have been completed, are underway, and or are planned for the future. The jobs and investments from this list are reported to EDA, and the list may be utilized by legislatures to promote the region and champion projects. A draft of the 2022 CEDS progress report will be brought to the Commission in March to lay on the table and be reviewed for the following month with a final draft brought to the Commission at their April meeting.

6. An Early Look at Spring Flooding Potential. Mr. Kinney reported that risk for flooding on the Mississippi River this year is near normal, and near or slightly below normal for the Mississippi River tributary rivers. Factors predicting this risk include seasonal temperatures and precipitation, snow cover/snow pack or liquid water equivalent, frozen ground, soil moisture and weather forecasts and climate outlook. He noted recent snow and rain events illustrate the volatility of later winter and early spring weather. This can affect the National Weather Service predictions on flood risk. Additional heavy snow in the upper Mississippi Basin added to the already above normal snow water equivalent values, which is 3 to 5 inches of water equivalent.

Locally, with lower snowpack, lower soil moisture and more storage capacity to handle rain events has led to the current predictions in the Quad Cities Area. Using maps to highlight a 14-day outlook, the area appears to be close to normal in temperature for March 2-8 and slightly above normal for precipitation. The long-range river outlook for the Mississippi River appears to be >50% change of reaching minor flood stage (15 feet), mainly downstream of the Quad Cities.

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