

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

Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 3:30 p.m.  
Bettendorf City Hall  
Second Floor Board Room  
1609 State Street  
Bettendorf, Iowa

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gallagher–Chair, Bark, Beck, Brunk, Deppe, Freeman, Heninger, Holmes, Kinzer, Lack, Lawrence, Matson, Mielke, Ortiz, Rayapati, Rodriquez, Roethler, Sauer, Schloemer, Stoermer, Thompson, Waldron

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Breeden, Dawson, Dunn, Kendall, Limberg, Mather, Maxwell, Mendenhall, G. Moore, R. Moore, Newton, Parker, Sherwin, Thoms

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Colonel Todd Allison, Garrison Commander, Rock Island Arsenal; Nicole Carkner, Quad City Health Initiative

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

1. Approval of the March 23, 2022 Minutes. Chair Gallagher noted that the minutes were corrected to reflect Dr. Bark’s attendance. Mr. Beck moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting as amended. Mr. Stoermer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Brunk presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending March 31, 2022, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$561,750.93. Mr. Brunk 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. Mr. Waldron presented the bills totaling \$1,416,802.03, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Joint Purchasing Council Recovery/Illinois False Claims Act Settlement Lawsuit	
East Moline Disbursement	\$274,895.84
Rock Island Disbursement	227,770.83
National Association of Development Organizations (NADO),	\$5,500.00
NADO Sustaining Membership January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022	

Addendum

Blackhawk Bank & Trust, VISA charge card expenses related to:	2,962.03
1 staff attending March 2022 NADO Policy Annual Washington Conference; 1 staff attending 2022 Esri Midwest User Conference (GIS software technical updates); 1 staff attending 2022 Rural Transit Assistance Center Spring Conference; March 1 HCEDP Mtg.; March 4 MAC Mgrs. & Admin. Mtg. (cost reimbursed by participants); March 7 Finance Committee Mtg.; March 11 Staff Mtg.; March 18 CEO/CAO Mtg.	

(cost reimbursed by participants); March 23 ICOG Mtg.; Software subscription; Office supplies			
Rock Island County Treasurer			5,673.33
05/2022	Rent	4,979.25	
05/2022	Internet Access	88.00	
04/2022	Managed Print Services	239.77	
03/2022	Postage	340.39	
03/2022	Cell Phone	25.92	

Disbursement of funds for the following Revolving Loan Fund Loans:		
ALM Positioners, Inc.		350,000.00
Crawford Heating & Cooling Company		350,000.00
NextGen Motors of Muscatine		200,000.00

Mr. Waldron moved approval of the bills totaling \$1,416,802.03 as presented above. Mr. Kinzer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2020-21 Program Budget as of March 31, 2022. Mr. Waldron explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed in Commission members’ packets. The Commission is 75.0% through the fiscal year with 68.2% expended and within budget.
  - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts or grants for consideration.
4. Consideration of Adoption of the Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report 2022. Ms. Bulat presented the final draft of the *Bi-State Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Progress Report 2022* that had been distributed to Commissioners at the March 23, 2022 meeting for review and provided to the public on the Bi-State website. Minor comments were received through the 30-day review regarding economic development related projects as noted in the projects list.
- Mr. Beck moved to approve a resolution to adopt the 2022 CEDS PR, and to submit the report to the Economic Development Administration. Mayor Matson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
5. Quad City Health Initiative. Ms. Carkner noted that the Quad City Health Initiative (QCHI) was formed in 1999 and is a cross-community partnership to create a healthy community. The 2021 Vision states: “The Quad Cities region is united as one vibrant, diverse, collaborative community with engaged citizens, safe, thriving neighborhoods, and equitable and inclusive access and opportunities for overall health and social well-being.”
- Occurring every 3 years and dating back to 2002, a systematic, data-driven assessment of health status, behaviors, and needs is conducted in Muscatine, Scott, and Rock Island Counties to provide a barometer on residents’ health and wellness. Partners work together to coordinate the assessments that meet the reporting requirements of the health systems and also encompass the 5-year assessment planning cycles of the health departments. Assessment results lead to health improvement plans and actions.

Areas that showed some improvement from the prior assessment were: cancer death rates, health insurance coverage, routine medical care, specific source of ongoing care, health

literacy, cardiovascular risk factors; prenatal care in first trimester; seeking help for mental illness; child/adolescent mental health treatment; dental insurance coverage; flu/pneumonia vaccination in older adults; perceived ease of obtaining substance abuse services; cigarette smoking and smoking inside homes. She cautioned that this did not mean that no further improvement was needed on these factors but that some improvement had been measured. Areas of opportunity included: access to health care services, cancer, diabetes, heart disease and stroke, housing, infant health and family planning, injury and violence, kidney disease, mental health, nutrition/physical activity/weight, oral health, respiratory disease, and substance abuse.

Major themes were identified from focus groups as part of the assessment. These included the pandemic, social determinants of health, mental health, stigma, diversity/cultural competency/sensitivity/trust, and need for growth of local healthcare workforce/more specialists.

She spoke about engaging a variety of sectors across organizational and geographic boundaries to improve community health. Efforts include a partnership with Tobacco-Free QC to address reducing the impact of tobacco in the Quad Cities. Information on tobacco, second-hand smoke, tobacco-free policies, and smoke-free pledges are part of the outreach effort. In collaboration with St. Ambrose's Institute for Person-Centered Care, QCHI is a partner along with area health systems as the Institute provides for continuing education and support and leadership to foster person-centered models of care. There is also a partnership with Live Lead Free QC initiative to raise awareness and reduce lead-based paint in area housing.

Ms. Carkner noted that Be Healthy QC, a working group of QCHI, helps provide opportunities to increase physical activity and healthy eating. Be Healthy QC has supported workplace wellness initiatives, promotion of [www.QCTrails.org](http://www.QCTrails.org), an educational campaign, and information sharing on access to healthy foods.

Ms. Carkner also referenced the Behavioral Health Coalition, a group of 50 community partners convened in April 2019 to support community behavioral health in Scott and Rock Island Counties. Currently the coalition list includes over 130 individuals. A primary function of the coalition is to promote awareness and to tell the community story related to behavioral health. Other functions include measuring coalition progress, providing a platform for innovation, and increasing resources. The coalition includes representatives from mental health, health care, public health, education, business, law enforcement, social services, the VA, philanthropy, emergency medical services, and local governments. They hold Quarterly education sessions and their next session will be on May 12th at noon discussing suicide reduction and SAVE training. More information can be found on their Facebook Page [facebook.com/QCBHC/](https://facebook.com/QCBHC/).

Ms. Carkner noted the Quad Cities Zero Suicide Initiative and discussed ways everyone can help the initiative by:

- Making It OK to talk about mental health and suicide
- Following the QCBHC on Facebook and share published resources [facebook.com/QCBHC/](https://facebook.com/QCBHC/)

- Identifying how your organization can participate in the Zero Suicide project – there are three tiers or levels of participation based on the type of work you do
- Participating in suicide prevention training (when launched)
- Helping to connect the coalition to sources of funding

Commissioners expressed interest in the Zero Suicide Initiative and further information will be forwarded to the Commission.

6. Update on Rock Island Arsenal 160th Anniversary Event. Colonel Allison told Commissioners about upcoming events celebrating the Rock Island Arsenal's 160th Anniversary. There will be a tour of homes on the Island on Saturday, April 30. Armed Forces Day is Saturday, May 21, and the Arsenal will host a bizarre, a Run the Rock 5K/10K, and other events. Colonel Allison also noted that the Success Fair Career Fair will be held on the Island on June 28 as well as the Tom Rob bike fest.
7. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. Mr. Kinzer noted that April 28 is Workers Memorial Day when workers who have died or have been injured on the job are remembered. Mayor Matson noted that May 23 is Davenport's State of the City event at Rhythm City. Deadline to register is May 11. Mayor Freeman stated the East Moline State of the City event will be held on Thursday, May 5, and is hosted by the East Moline Rotary at the Bend Event Center.
8. Other Business. There was no other business
9. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Sauer  
Secretary