

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, July 24, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions. – Mr. Grimes opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2014 – Without objection, the minutes from the May 22, 2014 meeting were approved as written.
3. Trail Related Activities/Issues/Events
 - a) There was no update on trail signage. It was suggested that instead of signing, paint on the trails could be utilized every tenth of a mile to denote the community a particular section of trail is in.
 - b) Mr. Schmid provided an overview and update on Bi-State's trail counting program. It was noted that communities can request the use of Bi-State's 12 trail counters to gather data reflecting the number of users along area trails. While not perfect, the counters provide a baseline from which to gauge the number of users at a particular point on a given trail. The counters will record all objects that leave a heat trail, e.g. bicyclists, pedestrians, and wildlife. Most trail counters are at a given point for approximately one month. However, Davenport will be using a few counters for the winter months this year to capture off-season trail usage.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

The City of Bettendorf will undergo a facilities study for its parks and recreational facilities. This study will provide guidance on future decisions regarding new parks, possible consolidation of facilities, and ongoing maintenance issues. Progress continues to be made in regard to expanding the trail facilities throughout the city. Numerous trails are in various stages of development, including an extension of the MRT to Harbor Drive, a separated trail on Utica Ridge Drive, and a connection between Middle Road and Hopewell Avenue.

QCCVB–

The United States Senate is considering a bill, Senate Bill 2346, to add a new class of trail to the national trails system, Discovery Trails. The American Discovery Trail would be included in the new classification. A contingent of Quad City representatives travelled to the Midwest Regional Office of the National Parks Service in Omaha to ask for their support. The Parks Service at the national level testified against the inclusion of discovery trails in the national trails system. The biennial Mid-America Trails and Greenways conference will take place in Iowa in 2015.

Riverdale–

The City of Riverdale will be placing a sidewalk at the end of Kensington Street to provide access to the MRT. Currently, people must cross about 50 feet of dirt to access the MRT from Kensington. Letting is scheduled for the next 1.4 miles of trail from Bellingham to Fenno Road in September.

5. Other Business

There was no other business.

6. Adjournment. – The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD
MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF**

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trails
Committee

Date: July 24, 2014 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:00 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Steve Grimes	Bettendorf	
2. Rick McDaniel	Shive-Hattery	
3. Donnie Miller	Bicycle Safety	
4. Sonya Paddock	Riverdale	
5. Bruce Perry	Friends of the Hennepin Canal	
6. Eric Pobanz	QCCVB	
7. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
8. Joe Taylor	QCCVB	
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