

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

Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
Scott County Administration Center
6th Floor Conference Room
600 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Martin opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2017 – Without objection, the minutes from the November 16, 2017 meeting were accepted as submitted.
3. Upcoming Trail Funding Opportunities – Ms. Bruce provided a handout listing trail grants for Illinois and Iowa. The list was based on the Iowa DOT website and was not comprehensive. Certain Illinois programs, including the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program and other various recreation grants have been put on hold with no expected timeline for the next grant round. Ms. Bruce also noted that Iowa communities can utilize Riverboat Development Authority (RDA) and Scott County Regional Authority (SCRA) to help with local match for other grant programs.
4. QC Trails Update – Bi-State continues to work with local trail managers to keep trail information on QCTrails.org up to date. Bi-State is also working with the Quad Cities Health Initiative and Be Healthy Quad Cities on an updated marketing effort to maintain interest in the website. Currently, the QC Trails Facebook page has 1,822 “likes,” and QCTrails.org averages just over 200 users per week.
5. Committee Member Reports

Eldridge –

A trail extension south to Blackhawk Trail is in the planning phase, with no current timeline for completion.

Henry County –

Bi-State’s update to the Henry County Trails and Greenways Plan is in progress. A meeting was held in Colona to discuss the Hennepin Canal, with the goal of creating a committee to maintain the Canal. The meeting received good regional attendance, with state representatives also in attendance.

IMEG (Formerly Missman, Inc.) –

IMEG will be working with the City of Geneseo, who received a grant to connect their existing trail over the Hennepin Canal. Work is scheduled to begin this summer.

Princeton –

The city is still looking for sources to fund sidewalks citywide. The city applied for, but did not get awarded, a Federal Recreational Trail grant. Princeton plans to reapply for the cycle that opens in October. A public meeting was planned for January 25, 2018 to discuss voluntary annexation of two unincorporated areas near the Mississippi River Trail.

Quad City Convention and Visitors Bureau –

Mr. Taylor provided the new Illinois Bike Trails guide published by Enjoy Illinois, which includes Quad Cities regional trails. The QCCVB also published a map of the metro Quad Cities that highlights trails and bike-friendly roads, among other features.

River Action –

The sidewalk assessment and walk audits done in conjunction with the Scott County Health Department (see below) will help strengthen future grant applications. Planning has begun for the annual Ride the River event.

Scott County Health Department –

The Health Department completed a sidewalk assessment at 4th Street in Davenport near the River Action office. A sidewalk assessment of Princeton is planned for the spring. The Health Department is also helping Princeton find funding sources for an ADA playground swing.

6. Other Business – There was no other business to report.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: January 25, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 10:30 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No ___

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Rachel Bruce	Bi-State Regional Commission	
2. Lindsay Whitson	Bi-State Regional Commission	
3. Brent Herman	City of Princeton	
4. Noah Truesdell	River Action	
5. Roger Gradert	Henry County	
6. James Martin	Eldridge	
7. Morgan Mays	IMEG	
8. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
9. Joe Taylor	Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau	
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