

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

Thursday, May 23, 2019 – 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 March 28, 2019 – The minutes from the March 28, 2019 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Nahant Marsh Trails – Mr. Ritter discussed the Nahant Marsh, which is one of the few wetlands remaining located in an urban area along the Mississippi River. The Marsh Education Center is looking into a medium-range plan to construct a trail network to circumnavigate the marsh. A possible land acquisition would allow the center the opportunity to complete several trail loops. In total, seven-to-eight miles of trail could be constructed. A Canadian Pacific rail spur will be abandoned soon, presenting an opportunity to construct a one-mile portion of the trail network on a former rail bed situated above the floodplain. The rail spur recently had a fuel spill that affected the marsh.
4. Strategic Planning Review – Ms. McDonough gave a quick recap of the focused conversation from the previous Trails Committee meeting. The next step in the strategic planning process is to identify strategies moving forward. The committee was tasked with selecting their top three goals from the list. The top goals were finding public-private partnership opportunities for trails, create a bicycling/trail toolkit, and increase participation in committee meetings. Action items for the goals will be discussed at the next Trails Committee meeting in July.
5. TASA Projects Review – Mr. Schmid presented five project applications that Bi-State received as part of the local Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) program. One project application was received from an Illinois community, the 36th Avenue Shared Use Path in Moline. Four project applications were received from Iowa communities, two each from Davenport and Eldridge. The committee shared its thoughts on the projects. The West Loop project in Davenport could boost tourism by beginning to complete the gap in the Iowa loop between the Duck Creek Trail and Mississippi River Trail. The committee inquired as to the receptiveness of the railroad for Davenport’s Howell Street Pedestrian Tunnel project. The two Eldridge projects, East LeClaire Road Trail and Townsend Farms Trail, were received positively as they promoted access to rural hard-surfaced roads and the future First Street Trail.
6. Hennepin Canal Meeting Review – Mr. Gradert noted that about 25 people attended a bus trip to the capital in mid-May to lobby for increased maintenance of the Hennepin Canal and the trail. The group met with all local area representatives and received letters back from Sen. Neil Anderson and Rep. Mike Halpin. Sen. Weaver requested a prioritized list of projects along the canal. Mr. Gradert said he met previously with new DNR Director Callahan, and coincidentally met the new governor’s chief of staff outside the capital.

7. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

Walk and Roll events take place every month between April and August to highlight the city’s trail network. A new fix-it station has been installed at the Leech Park pavilion.

Davenport –

The Goose Creek Trail project is back on track. The developer for an adjacent development will help pay for a redesign of the trail. Most of the information needed is ready to go to bid.

Eldridge –

The city will be applying for a BUILD grant.

Henry County –

The IL DOT said it is interested in intermodal transportation development. The IL-78 trail connection between Kewanee and Annawan would link the Hennepin Canal with the Amtrak station in Kewanee.

MetroLINK –

MetroLINK has assisted Ride Illinois in updating its Quad Cities Metro Area Bike Map, and has highlighted areas where bicyclists can catch a bus. The Channel Cat Water Taxi season is delayed this year due to flooding.

Princeton –

The city is updating its sidewalk ordinance. It is working on making the minimum sidewalk width five feet.

Quad Cities Bicycle Club –

The Quad Cities Criterium will be held on Memorial Day from 9:00 to 4:30 in the Village of East Davenport.

River Action –

Flooding has forced River Action to reroute Ride the River. Trails development was featured in the Eddy Magazine.

Scott County –

The Walk Audit Toolkit User Guide is being finalized.

8. Other Business – There was no other business.

9. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: May 23, 2019 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:40 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

Place of Meeting: Scott County Administrative Center

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Roger Gradert	Henry County Board	
2. Becky Lovich	City of Bettendorf Trails Committee	
3. James Martin	City of Eldridge	
4. Dean Mathias	Quad Cities Bicycle Club	
5. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
6. Tanner Osing	MetroLINK	
7. Zach Peterson	City of Davenport	
8. Brian Ritter	Nahant Marsh	
9. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
10. Kathy Wine	River Action	
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