

## MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 28, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.  
Teleconference

1. Welcome/Introductions – Ms. McDonough opened the meeting by welcoming those on the call and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Election of President and Vice-President – Mr. Schmid noted that elections for President and Vice-President of the Bi-State Regional Trails Committee occur every two years, and that the current terms are up. Ms. Lewis motioned to nominate Ms. McDonough as President, and Mr. Eric Griffith in absentia as Vice-President. Mr. Griffith communicated previously with Mr. Schmid that he would be willing to serve as Vice-President. Mr. Osing seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2020 – The minutes from the November 19, 2020 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
4. Strategic Work Plan Update – Ms. McDonough provided an update on the items from the Strategic Work Plan. An updated Trail Benefit Graphic was shared via email with the Trails Committee prior to the meeting. It is intended to be updated with new data and information that becomes available. It is envisioned that the graphic will be one component of the toolkit that the Committee will develop. The Committee suggested adding language about equity to the graphic. Mr. Osing offered to send resources on the topic that could be used for the graphic. Committee members also recommended a call-in option for meetings once the committee moves back to in-person meetings. No timeline has been set to return to in-person meetings, but members agreed it was nice to have an option.
5. Update on IDPH Physical Activity Access project – Ms. McDonough provided a brief update of the project. The project team has met virtually with representatives from the City of Bettendorf, the Bettendorf Hy-Vee, and Cardinal Capital Management, who manages three adjacent residential properties. Project partners will seek to find solutions to issues of pedestrian access from the nearby properties to Hy-Vee. Complicating issues affecting the project are buried pipelines, ADA accessibility in regard to relief change, and maintenance and liability for any new sidewalk or ramp. In the spring, a series of interviews will take place with residents of the facilities to gauge user experiences accessing the store.
6. Committee Member Reports
  - Bi-State Regional Commission* –  
Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside funds will be programmed in 2021.
  - MetroLINK*–  
MetroLINK is anticipating opening the Channel Cat Water Taxi season in May.
  - Nahant Marsh* –  
The marsh is working on a 39-acre parcel that will be completed this fall and be composed of restored wetlands and prairie. A large berm is intended to connect to the main marsh, and a 0.7 mile paved trail will connect the main marsh to the Mississippi River Trail. The marsh is still in discussions with CP about an abandoned rail spur on the north side of the property.
  - Princeton* –  
The city is in the public input phase of its partnership with the National Parks Service and Iowa State University to extend the MRT and make park improvements. The city will also partner with Trees Forever on community visioning.

*Quad City Bicycle Club –*

Copies of the QC Metro Bike Map are still available. Planning is beginning on this year's group rides.

*Quad City Health Initiative–*

Be Healthy Quad Cities will host a seminar called “Looking Forward” that will discuss nutrition and physical activity and their effects on quality of life. The seminar will take place February 5.

7. Other Business – There was no other business.
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

## MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: January 28, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:04 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No \_\_\_

Place of Meeting: Teleconference

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Cheri Lewis	Quad City Health Initiative	
2. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
3. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
4. Tanner Osing	MetroLINK	
5. Brian Ritter	Nahant Marsh	
6. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
7. Noah Truesdell	River Action	
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