

**Minutes of the
QUAD CITIES RIVERFRONT COUNCIL (QCRFC)**

Tuesday, September 22, 2020, 12:00 p.m.
WEBINAR MEETING

Council Members in Attendance:

Mr. Jeff Anderson
Mr. Larry Burns*
Mr. Ralph Heninger**
Mr. Tim Huey
Mr. Tim Kammler
Mr. Tim Knanishu*

Ms. Molly Otting Carlson
COL Steve Sattinger
Mr. Rod Simmer

* *Current QCRFC Officers*
** *QCRFC Representative to BSRC*

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Denise Bulat
Ms. Tara Cullison

Mr. James Peterson
Mr. Joe Taylor

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Burns at 12:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of the July 28, 2020 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Simmer. Mr. Kammler seconded the motion to approve the July 28, 2020 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Presentation on the Mississippi River Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois (MRPEIWI).** Ms. Bulat provided a presentation on the pending Mississippi River Ports of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Port Statistical Area Designation. The Port Designation would federally recognize the MRPEIWI existing port and terminal infrastructure for statistical purposes. The geography of the statistical area would include Iowa and Illinois Mississippi River counties between Keokuk and Dubuque. This includes 221.5 river miles and a minimum of 70 terminals. Participating regional planning agencies include East Central Intergovernmental Association, Blackhawk Hills Regional Council, Bi-State Regional Commission, Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission, and Western Illinois Regional Council. If designated, the Port Statistical Area is likely to fall within the top 100 of inland ports in terms of amount of commodities shipped.
4. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**
 - *East Moline* – The Corps is helping with a project from flood damage on the levee. Part of the bike trail will be closed due to the project. The Bend Expo Center will be completed next month. It will be approximately 100,000 square feet.
 - *Moline* – Captains Table is now open. The downtown is in the development of a form based code which will begin this fall.
 - *Rock Island County* – The Rock Island County Comprehensive Plan is about to be finished and will go to the Board for approval next month.

- *Scott County* – Lake restoration at West Lake Park is using trees that fell during the derecho to develop fish habitat. This should be complete by next spring.
 - *US Army Corps of Engineers* – There has been progress along the roller dam at L&D 15 to re-paint and repair concrete. L&D 14 will be dewatered this winter and COL Sattinger will be extending an invite to the Council to view while dewatered. Final approval of the MRPEIWI is anticipated to occur in the next week or two.
 - *Visit Quad Cities* – Union Station is cleaned out from the flood and renderings for remodel are complete. Visit Quad Cities purchased bikes to check out. They will be complimentary and available through Union Station and the Moline office. Ms. Otting Carlson suggested that Bob Buesing from American Queen Steamboat Company or a representative from Viking Cruises would be an interesting presenter at a future QCRFC meeting.
5. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Quad City Riverfront Council will be November 24, 2020.
 6. **Other Business.** Ms. Cullison announced her departure from Bi-State Regional Commission.
 7. **Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 p.m.**