

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

Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
WEBINAR MEETING

Council Members in Attendance

Mr. Larry Burns*

Mr. Tim Kammler

Mr. Tim Knanishu

Ms. Molly Otting Carlson*

COL Steve Sattinger

Mr. Jeff Reiter

Mr. Rod Simmer

Mr. Ralph Heninger

Mr. Geoff Manis

* *Current QCRFC Officers*

** *QCRFC Representative to BSRC*

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Katelyn Miner

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Meeting was called to order by Mr. Burns at 12:02 p.m.
2. **Approval of the November 24, 2020 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Heninger made a motion to approve the November 24, 2020 minutes. Mr. Kammler seconded, and the meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Nomination & Vote of Secretary/Treasurer.** Since Mr. Anderson recently retired, Mr. Burns asked for nominations of a new secretary/treasurer. Mr. Knanishu nominated Mr. Huey. Mr. Heninger seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous and approved. Mr. Huey was not present, thus the council decided to inform him of his nomination and to confirm of his approval.
4. **Certificates of Appreciation Discussion.** Mr. Burns asked for nominations for this year's Certificates of Appreciation Awards. The council discussed several options and came up with a list of potential nominees. Mr. Heninger nominated Paul Rummeler & Kyle Carter for the downtown park venues development and also those in charge of the railroad improvements along the river front. Jeff Craver & Ben Mills from the Rock Island County Forest Preserve were nominated for their work on the campgrounds and adding new horse sites. Ms. Otting-Carlson nominated Unions or other groups that have worked tirelessly on the I-74 Bridge, and also the Freight House Farmers Market for their work on a meals-to-go program and making masks for the community. Col. Sattinger nominated Robert Sinkler for his work on the port statistical areas and also the Iowa & Illinois Silver Jackets for their project development in Davenport. Mr. Manis nominated Jeff Anderson for his 25-year dedication to the City of Moline and also Alexandra Alias with Renew Moline for her work with the Art Center to put up sculptures along the bike path. These nominations were recorded for further discussion and voting to take place at the next meeting.
5. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**
 - *Visit Quad Cities* – Visit Quad Cities is still working on their bike project. They had 1,900 people visit Downtown Davenport last weekend for the pool tournaments. There is a survey in

collaboration with the chamber of commerce for those that work and live in the Quad Cities to be used for regional branding and marketing strategies to bring more entertainment into the Quad Cities. Ms. Otting-Carlson will be sending the survey to Ms. Miner to distribute to the Council.

- *Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce (IL Rep)* – The Bend Expo Center is now up and running with a tractor auction taking place in March.
 - *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* – Construction on Lock & Dam 14 and 15 is going well. The dewatering tour will be taking place on February 3, 2021. The annual work plan was released and passed, which did very well. New building with occur on Lock & Dam 14 sometime in 2021. A new Quad City Crane as of 2019 will be here in May with invites to tour it.
 - *Moline* – Mr. Manis runs the Moline Centre program. Moline is currently focusing on snow removal after the January 26 big snowstorm. They are continuing work on the I-74 Bridge. They have a contract with ULI, who will be releasing their findings on what should be done with the 14 acres of where the old bridge will be taken out.
 - *Bettendorf* – Bettendorf is organizing their downtown area. The derecho wiped out most of their signage, so they are working to replace monumental signs with the same design standards as the I-74 Bridge. They currently have two projects that were advised to be pushed back to 2022, since they are asking for state-level assistance for these projects. To increase community support for ports, they are looking into potential overlap with the Corn Belt Ports. The scooter company, Byrd, is pushing to come into the Quad Cities downtown areas to increase availability and usage of their products nationally.
 - *Rock Island County* – The rhinos are on their way to the zoo. Seasonal camping has ended. Rock Island County is getting their parks ready for spring. The county office opened back up to the public on January 25, 2021. Visit Quad Cities has been deemed the official visitor organization from July 2021 through June 2022.
 - *East Moline* – The Expo Center is now open for upcoming events. East Moline is working on engineering improvements with the pump house to avoid flooding. The Grand Illinois Trail funding and construction plans have been approved with a bid for construction in March.
6. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Quad City Riverfront Council will be March 23, 2021.
7. **Other Business.**
- **Lock & Dam 14 Dewatering Tour RSVP – February 3, 2021 at 1:00 pm.** Ms. Miner reminded the Council of the tour and if interested, to RSVP through her. Ms. Otting-Carlson asked where the tour would be meeting, and Mr. Sattinger gave directions. Mr. Reiter showed a map to help explain the meeting location. Mr. Simmer and Mr. Manis asked to join the RSVP list.
8. **Adjournment.** Mr. Burns asked if there were any questions or anything else needed to discuss. He then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Heninger motioned to adjourn, and Col. Sattinger seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.