

**MINUTES OF THE  
BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 3:30 p.m.  
Bettendorf City Hall  
Second Floor Board Room  
1609 State Street  
Bettendorf, Iowa

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gallagher – Chair, Adams, Bark, Beck, Breeden, Brunk, Dunn, Freeman, Kinzer, Lack, Lawrence, Maxwell, Mendenhall, Newton, Ortiz, Rayapati, Sauer, Schloemer, Stoermer, Thoms, Waldron

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dawson, Heninger, Limberg, Mather, Matson, Mielke, G. Moore, R. Moore, Parker, Roethler, Sherwin, Thompson, Wise

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Colonel Daniel Mitchell, U.S. Army Garrison, Rock Island Arsenal

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bulat, McCullough

Chair Gallagher called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Approval of the November 16, 2022 Minutes. Mr. Beck moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 meeting as presented. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report. Mr. Brunk presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2022, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$532,958.77. Mr. Brunk moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Brinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mr. Waldron presented the bills totaling \$25,562.54, as listed on the following bills listing:

**Bills List**

National Association of Development Organizations:	\$ 5,500.00
NADO Sustaining Platinum Membership January 1 through December 31, 2022	
RPO America Bronze Subscriber January 1 through December 31, 2022	

**Addendum**

Mel Foster Insurance, 2023 annual premium for renewals of	14,253.14
Business Owners Package Policy, Auto Policy, Crime Policy,	
Umbrella Policy, USLI Directors & Officers/EPLI Policy, and Accident Fund	
Workers Comp. Policy	
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,809.40
01/2023 Rent	4,979.25
01/2023 Internet Access	88.00
12/2022 Managed Print Services	239.77
11/2022 Printing	146.00
11/2022 Postage	330.09
11/2022 Cell Phone	26.29

Mr. Waldron moved approval of the bills totaling \$25,562.54 as presented above. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2022-23 Program Budget as of November 30, 2022. Mr. Waldron explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed at the meeting. The Commission is 41.6% through the fiscal year with 31.7% expended and within budget.
  - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat requested consideration of a one-year extension of the drug and alcohol testing services with TSS Inc. at no change to the testing costs. Mr. Stoermer motioned to approve the extension and Mayor Rayapati seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
4. Update on Rock Island Arsenal. Colonel Mitchell manages services and facilities for the 946-acre Arsenal Island, which has a significant global and strategic reach. He graduated from West Point in Civil Engineering and hold two Master's degrees. He noted the Arsenal was named one of the top five U.S. Army Garrisons in 2021 and 2019 due to the diverse commands on the Island and the quality of life of the installation.

The mission of the Garrison is to deliver and integrate installation support services to enable readiness for its mission partners. The vision is to be an adaptive, conscientious, and talented team providing ready infrastructure and responsive services that enhance readiness and quality of life, through efficient and effective resource management. The key tasks/priorities of the Garrison Commander are to:

- Defend the installation
- Maintain installation infrastructure
- Deliver sustainable services
- Enhance quality of life
- Be an integral part of the Quad Cities

Successful outcomes would include:

- Mission partners have the infrastructure and support to accomplish their global mission
- RIA is a renowned place to work, live, and play with a superior quality of life
- The Quad Cities community engages with the resources and people of the Arsenal
- Local, state, and national leaders understand RIA's value to national security and the local community

Colonel Mitchell said that RIA is the largest local employer in the Bi-State Region with 5,509 civilians and 506 military, with 42% of the workforce being veterans. The induced employment impact of RIA is over 14,000 community jobs. The regional reach may also be demonstrated through the distribution of the employees of RIA with 52% from Iowa and 48% from Illinois. Salaries average \$75,989, and the local economic impact is over \$1.2 billion per year. The average length of service of employees on the Arsenal is 17 years and 46% have Associate's degrees, 54% have Bachelor's degrees, and 19% have Master's degrees.

The Rock Island Arsenal is the only full-service Army installation in Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota. It supports more than 54K active, reserve, and retired military; civilian employees; and family members within a 150-mile radius. The Rock Island Arsenal is home to over 50 Department of Defense organizations and private companies with a global impact that reaches 32 states and 20 countries. RIA houses seven major Commands in addition to the

Garrison, including Army Sustainment Command, Joint Munitions Command, Civilian Human Resource Agency, Army Contracting Command, First Army, Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center, and the Army Corps of Engineers. Information related to each command includes:

- Army Sustainment Command (ASC) provides logistics capability and materiel readiness to enable Commanders in combat to conduct the full range of military operations. ASC provides logistics to assist various commands including COVID medical support, immigrant management at the border, and Ukraine War support.
- Joint Munitions Command provides America's Joint Forces with ready, reliable, and lethal munitions at the right place and time, in a cost effective manner, to enable successful military operations.
- Army Contracting Command supports the nation's uniformed service members with acquisition.
- Civilian Human Resource Agency provides civilian human resources support to over 133,000 employees world-wide.
- First Army partners with Army leadership to advise, assist, and train the reserve component of the Army to achieve Department of the Army directed readiness requirements. Fifty percent of the 1 million men and women in the Army are in the Guard and Reserves.
- Army Corps of Engineers provides engineering and leadership to the district's service area and nation in order to improve the security, prosperity, and overall quality of life for the American people. Flood readiness equipment for the Corps of Engineers is stored at the Rock Island Arsenal.
- Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center provides world class manufactured products, services, and logistics in support of the nation's warfighters. It houses the only foundry in the Army and has recently begun using a 3D printer for certain projects.

Colonel Mitchell noted the Browning Museum was built in 1905 and is the Army's second oldest. The museum is currently closed and will reopen in the summer of 2023. It is undergoing a \$1.5 million renovation, the first in more than 70 years. The new exhibits will focus on the history of the Arsenal and its commands, the Arsenal's role in the history of the Quad Cities Region and beyond, and the Army's Organic Industrial Base. The new Museum will incorporate STEM-based learning, digital media interactives, curriculum based learning, and a focus on soldier training. The museum director is Mr. S. Patrick Allie.

Some of the initiatives of RIA include Inter-Governmental Support Agreements, the Defense Community Infrastructure Program, Community and Business Leader Tours, Community Access to the Arsenal, Energy Resilience Initiatives, and Real Estate Management Legislation. He mentioned Armed Forces Day will be on Saturday May 20, 2023, and the RIA wants to welcome community to visit and enjoy the attractions of the Island often. He stated entry is simple by applying for a one-year visitor's pass at the Welcome Center located at the Moline Gate, and the process takes less than 15 minutes. Any gate can be used after the one-year pass is issued.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners.
6. Other Business. Chair Gallagher presented Mr. Kinzer with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the Bi-State Regional Commission and thanked him for his efforts and collaboration throughout his years on the Commission. Chair Gallagher noted a certificate of appreciation of service to the Commission will also be given to Mr. Deppe.  
  
Ms. Bulat noted the next two meetings of the Commission would be held in the Bettendorf City Hall, and a new location will be determined for the March meeting.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Sauer  
Secretary