

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

Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 3:30 p.m.  
Bettendorf City Hall  
Second Floor Board Room  
1609 State Street  
Bettendorf, Iowa

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gallagher –Vice-Chair, Bark, Beck, Brunk, Deppe, Freeman, Heninger, Kinzer, Lack, Lawrence, Limberg, Matson, Maxwell, Mielke, Newton, Rayapati, Sauer, Schloemer, Stoermer, Thompson,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Breeden, Dawson, Dunn, Kendall, Mather, Mendenhall, G. Moore, R. Moore, Ortiz, Parker, Roethler, Sherwin, Thoms, Waldron, Wise

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Matthew Peterson, Commandant, Iowa Veterans Home

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough

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

1. Approval of the July 27, 2022 Minutes. Mr. Beck moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2022 meeting as amended. Mayor Matson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Brunk presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending July 31, 2022, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$575,048.52. Mr. Brunk moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Kinzer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mr. Brunk presented the bills totaling \$23,189.98, as listed on the following bills listing:

*Bills List*

Blackhawk Bank & Trust VISA credit card expenses related to:	5,331.50
July 25 <sup>th</sup> QC Riverfront Council Mtg. (cost reimbursed by participants);	
2 staff attending July 2022 NADO Nat’l Regional Transportation Conference;	
1 staff attending August 2022 Midwest Comm. Dev. Institute Sessions/Yr. 2;	
2 staff attending August 2022 Assn. of Pedestrian & Bicycle Pros. Conf.;	
American Planning Association ads for Senior & Transportation Planner(s);	
Software Subscriptions including Photoshop & Creative Cloud Licenses, Survey Monkey renewal, and InterGen, Inc. Website Maintenance; Office Supplies	
East Central Intergovernmental Association MRPEIWI – Port Mapping	2,786.16
Project Staff charges	
IMPLAN Group, LLC – County Plan (IL – Henry/Mercer/Rock Island & IA – Muscatine/Scott) 12-Month Subscription Renewal	4,500.00
Platinum Information Services, Inc. – IT Complete Support Service;	
24/7 Monitoring; Installation of new computer;	
APC 1000 UPS Battery Backup	2,312.83

Rock Island County Treasurer			5,759.49
09/2022	Rent	4,979.25	
09/2022	Internet Access	88.00	
08/2022	Managed Print Services	239.77	
07/2022	Printing	148.20	
07/2022	Postage	278.30	
07/2022	Cell Phone	25.97	

Mr. Brunk moved approval of the bills totaling \$23,189.98 as presented above. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2022-23 Program Budget as of July 31, 2022. Mr. Brunk explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed at the meeting. The Commission is 8.3% through the fiscal year with 6.2% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following grant for consideration.
  - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning Grant Application for a consultant contract o develop Quad Cities Area, Kewanee, and Muscatine Traffic Safety Action Plan(s). Total cost is \$200,000 with \$160,000 Federal SS4A, and \$40,000 state/local match. The grant is for the period April 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.

Mr. Stoermer moved to approved the grant as presented. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mayor Matson noted that this grant should not compete Davenport’s related grant application. It was stated that the Davenport application was for implementation of a safety project that is a separate funding stream of the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program. The safety grant being applied for on behalf of the region is for planning and from another funding stream.

4. Iowa Veterans Home/Veterans Affairs Presentation. Mr. Peterson presented information on the Iowa Veterans Affairs programs as well as the Iowa Veterans Home. He noted that 6.1% of the population of Iowa or 194,954 people are veterans. The mission of Veterans Affairs is to care and advocate for Iowa veterans and their families. The vision is to build a community based on respect for individual dignity to achieve happiness, health, and quality of life.

The Iowa Commission of Veterans Affairs reports to the governor, and its two main concerns are what is in the best interest of the veteran and what the data says. The two biggest facilities in the state are the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown and the Veterans Cemetery. The Veterans Home has capacity for individuals needing assisted living, nursing care, and memory care. It can also accommodate spouses of veterans needing care. The home has a capacity of 447 residents, and it currently holds 392 residents. The average stay is 6 years.

Future plans for the Veterans Commission include a partnership with Home Base Iowa which connects Iowa businesses with qualified veterans and their spouses looking for career opportunities. The program also provides resources to help connect veterans and their families with education and in transitioning to a new community. There is also interest in the future to merge veterans programs into one agency, to provide for a disabled veterans emblem on license plates, to standardize skill sets and education of the employees at county

veterans offices, to create an outreach office for veterans, and to develop a new website for the Veterans Commission.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no additional questions or comments.
6. Other Business. There was no other business
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Sauer  
Secretary