

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

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 3:30 p.m.
SAL Community Services
3800 Avenue of the Cities, Suite 108
Moline, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Breeden –Chair, Adams, Bark, Beck, Brunk, Callaway-Thompson, Dawson, Freeman, Gallagher, Heninger, Lack, Matson, Mendenhall, Mielke, O’Brien, Ortiz, Paustian, Sauer, Schloemer, Sorensen, Thoms

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dunn, Limberg, Maxwell, G. Moore, R. Moore, Newton, Parker, Rayapati, Roethler, Stoermer, Thompson, Wise

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel K. Hawes, NESP Ecosystem Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Rock Island District; Heather Bishop, Outreach and Customer Requirement Specialist

STAFF PRESENT: Grabowski, Bulat, McCullough

Chair Breeden called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. Ms. Bulat said a few words about long-time Commissioner Nate Lawrence who passed away August 15, 2023. Following the memorial, Chair Breeden requested a moment of silence.

1. Approval of the July 26, 2023 Minutes. Mr. Beck moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2023 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 July 31, 2023, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$459,899.84. Mr. Brunk moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Matson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mayor Thoms presented the bills totaling \$43,377.13, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Blackhawk Bank & Trust VISA credit card expenses related to:	\$ 2,956.70
July 14th ICOG Meeting;	
July 21st CEO/CAO Mtg. (cost reimbursed by participants);	
July 26th Henry County Tourism & Economic Development Mtg.;	
July 26th Quad Cities Riverfront Council Mtg. (cost reimbursed by participants);	
2 staff attending Quad Cities Chamber/2023 Annual Meeting – IMEG Corp.;	
2 staff attending 2023 IL Public Transportation Assn. Fall Conference;	
IA/IL Bi-State Region Freight Plan – Surface Transportation Board user Fees;	
Software Subscriptions including Esri, Inc., Survey Monkey, GoDaddy.com, LLC,	
Photoshop, & Creative Cloud Licenses;	
Office Supplies	

Illinois Association of Regional Councils – Membership Dues July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	2,500.00
IMPLAN Group, LLC – County Plan (IL – Henry/Mercer/Rock Island & IA – Muscatine/Scott) 12-Month Subscription Renewal	4,950.00
Iowa Association of Councils of Governments – Annual Membership Dues FY 2023-24	3,900.00
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,984.62
09/2023 Rent	4,979.25
09/2023 Internet Access	88.00
08/2023 Managed Print Services	243.34
07/2023 Printing	322.34
07/2023 Postage	376.71
07/2023 Cell Phone	(25.02)
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Attorney At Law – July 2023 Fees	3,115.00

Addendum

CPCS Transcom, Inc. – BSRC Freight Plan Consultant Study – June-July 2023	9,070.81
Dan Corbin, Inc. – 2024 Aerial RFP and Consulting Services Contract 06-26-2023 – RFP development for 2024 Bi-State Regional Aerial Photography Project	10,900.00

Mayor Gallagher moved approval of the bills totaling \$43,377.13 as presented above. Mr. Ortiz seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2023-24 Program Budget as of August 31, 2023. Ms. Bulat explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed at the meeting. The Commission is 8.3% through the fiscal year with 7.3% expended and within budget.
 - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts/grants for consideration
4. Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) Update. Ms. Hawes and Ms. Bishop provided information on various aspects of the NESP program. NESP is the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program. It is long-term program to both improve river navigation reliability and capacity, and to contribute to ecosystem restoration.
- The foundation for NESP began in 1993 with a feasibility study and later in 2007 program authorization. In 2020/2021 funding for pre-construction and design were awarded, and construction project initiated in 2022. Funding for FY23 NESP comes from the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), FY22 Congressionally-Directed Spending, and FY22 USAC Work Plan totaling \$886.38 million. This includes a Lock 25 new lock expansion to 1,200 feet, navigation and ecosystem programs, and systemic mitigation. In FY24, \$67.68 million is programmed including a lock expansion at LaGrange and ecosystem projects. In the Bi-State Region, the Lock 14 mooring cell construction is underway; and construction/design services for the Andalusia Island Complex.
5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.

6. Other Business. Ms. Bulat reported that Bi-State will draft letters requesting exceedences for non-attainment be removed from the region. Mayor Matson requested that a group picture be taken of the Commissioners.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard H. Brunk", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard “Quijas” Brunk
Secretary