

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

Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 3:30 p.m.
Quad City Botanical Center
2525 Fourth Avenue
Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Breeden – Chair, Adams, Beck, Brunk, Callaway-Thompson, Freeman, Gallagher, Heninger, Lack, Limberg, Maxwell, Mielke, Newton, Paustian, Rayapati, Roethler, Sorensen, Thoms

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bark, Dawson, Dunn, Matson, Mendenhall, G. Moore, R. Moore, Parker, Sauer, Schloemer, Stoermer, Thompson, Wise

OTHERS PRESENT: Colonel Daniel Mitchell, Garrison Commander, Rock Island Arsenal; Mark Smith, West Liberty Mayor; Jerry Leibovitz, Silvis City Administrator; Joan Maxwell

STAFF PRESENT: Bulat, Grabowski, Henderson, McCullough

Chair Breeden called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

1. Approval of the November 15, 2023 Minutes. Mayor Limberg moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting as presented. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Maxwell presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending November 30, 2023, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$460,909.84. Mr. Maxwell moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mayor Thoms presented the bills totaling \$73,362.02, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Blackhawk Bank & Trust VISA credit card expenses related to:	\$ 2,236.39
2 staff attending NADO National Training Conference; Office Supplies;	
2 staff attending Quad City Chamber 2024 Economic Forecast Meeting;	
1 staff attending Multicultural Speaker Series Event hosted by Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Quad City Riverfront Council meeting (costs to be reimbursed by participants); American Discovery Trail annual membership; Iowa Intergov Meeting (costs to be reimbursed by participants); Managers and Administrators Meeting (costs to be reimbursed by participants); Chief Elected and Administrators Meeting (costs to be reimbursed by participants); Adobe Creative Cloud subscription	
CPCS, professional services related to the Bi-State Regional Commission	53,938.44
Freight Plan	
October 2023	25,928.92
November 2023	28,009.52

Grants Management Systems, Annual License & Warranty, Service & Support/Maintenance, 2024	4,204.00
Payroll System – additional users/training	2,280.00
SCK System – additional users/training	1,368.00
Accounts Payable System – additional user	456.00
Webinar for Calendar Year End Prep	100.00
Rock Island County Treasurer	*5,688.33
01/2024 Rent	4,979.25
01/2024 Internet Access	88.00
11/2023 Managed Print Services	243.34
10/2023 Postage	377.74

Addendum

JTI, three traffic counters	4,594.09
Info USA Marketing, Inc., Data Axle, Inc. -License Agreement – December 14, 2023 to December 13, 2024	2,100.00

*Correction:

Rock Island County Treasurer, on Bills List, show as \$5,688.33; additional invoices added in the amount of \$600.77 for a total of \$6,289.10.	6,289.10
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Mayor Thoms moved approval of the bills totaling \$73,362.02 as presented above. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts or grants for consideration.

4. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments by Commissioners.
5. Other Business. Ms. Bulat mentioned that after the I-80 Bridge alignment was announced, both IL and IA DOTs requested a meeting to discuss a trail on the new structure. Hampton, LeClaire, and Rapids City support a multi-purpose trail on the bridge and were willing to be responsible for lighting, trash removal, and snow removal once the new bridge is completed. She noted that Phase I should be completed in 2024, with Phase II completed in 2025-26, which is final engineering, environmental analysis, and right-of-way acquisition. Construction will begin after the completion of Phase II. Ms. Bulat did point out that trail access on interstate bridges is not usually considered, but with the cities/villages paying for lighting maintenance, the DOTs agreed to add it to the plans for I-80 as long as it was supported by the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Beck asked about the bison bridge supporters, and Ms. Bulat noted that the proponents for the bison bridge had shifted support to trail access. Chair Breeden asked if the new bridge affected the Illinois Welcome Center. Mayor Thoms said no because the new bridge will be built downstream, and the visitor’s center is upstream. Ms. Bulat said that it is considered an amenity because it is such a great viewing area. Mr. Beck noted that the Iowa Visitor’s Center is already closed and owned privately.

Ms. Bulat also said that the Commission meetings for 2024 will be held in the newly remodeled Rock Island County Board Room in the County Office Building.

Ms. Callaway-Thompson asked about the progress on passenger rail. Mayor Rayapati said that every effort was being made to come to terms with Iowa Interstate Railroad. She did

note that federal funding for the project will be lost in 2025. Ms. McCullough noted that a small planning grant was received by Illinois DOT for service planning in the corridor.

Chair Breeden inquired about LeClaire’s speed surveillance cameras on I-80, and whether permission needs to be obtained by the Iowa DOT. Mayor Gallagher said that proof has to be made that there is a safety issue in order to be granted permission to install speed cameras.

6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 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