

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

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 3:30 p.m.  
Rock Island County Office Building  
1504 Third Avenue, Third Floor County Board Room  
Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Breeden – Chair, Adams, Brunk, Callaway-Thompson, Dawson, Dixon, Freeman, Lack, Limberg, Matson, McNeil, Mendenhall, Mielke, Paustian, Roethler, Sorensen, Thompson, Thoms, Volkert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bark, Davis, Dunn, Gallagher, Heninger, Mather, Maxwell, G. Moore, R. Moore, Newton, Parker, Rayapati, Schloemer, Stoermer

OTHERS PRESENT: Gretchen Nollman, River Bend Food Bank; Kelly Krell, City of Riverdale Clerk

STAFF PRESENT: Grabowski, Henderson, McCullough, Rice

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

1. Approval of the May 22, 2024 Minutes. Mayor Matson motioned to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2024 meeting as presented. Mayor Limberg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Limberg presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending May 31, 2024, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$358,849.19. Mayor Limberg moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Dawson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mayor Thoms presented the bills totaling \$85,195.30, as listed on the following bills listing:

*Bills List*

Chmura Economics & Analytics, LLC – JobsEQ Technology Platform Software	\$8,200.00
Ion Wave Technologies, Inc. – 1-Year Subscription July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025	5,385.00
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,827.00
07/2024 Rent	4,841.75
07/2024 Internet Access	88.00
06/2024 White Paper	76.82
06/2024 MUNICES Paper/Envelopes	63.03
05/2024 MUNICES Print Job	20.01
05/2024 Postage	494.05
06/2024 Managed Print Services	243.34
Zimmerman Honda – 2-2024 Honda CR-V Sport Hybrids	49,425.90

Addendum

Kaskaskia Engineering Group, Professional Services 5/1/2024 to 5/31/2024	10,372.25
Benesch, Professional Services 5/22/2024 to 6/9/2024	5,985.15

Mayor Thoms provided information regarding the vehicle purchase and moved approval of the bills totaling \$85,195.30 as presented above. Mayor Limberg seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2023-24 Program Budget as of May 31, 2024.

Mayor Thoms explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed in Commission members’ packets. The Commission is 92% through the fiscal year with 47% expended and within budget.

c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. McCullough presented the following contracts/grant for consideration.

- Contract with Rock Island County Waste Management Agency for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
- Contract with Emergency Telephone System Board of Rock Island County for Staff Support. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
- Contract with Scott County Kids for Financial Management. The contract is for actual costs and will run from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
- Grant with Iowa Association of Regional Councils for Iowa Department of Economic Development for planning assistance to local governments. The grant is for up to \$20,588 and will run from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Chair Breeden moved approval of the contracts and grant as presented above. Mayor Thoms seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

d. Consideration of Recommended FY2025 Commission Planning Budget. Ms.

McCullough noted no comments had been received from member governments regarding the proposed FY2025 draft budget and dues structure.

Chair Breeden motioned to approve the Recommended FY2025 Commission Budget Plan as presented, and Ms. Mendenhall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. River Bend Food Bank. Ms. Nollman explained River Bend Food Bank has its headquarters in Davenport, IA with branches in Dubuque, IA and Galesburg, IL. River Bend is not to be confused with a food pantry. River Bend does not directly provide food to those in need like food pantries do. As a food bank, they are a warehouse that stores and eventually distributes food to food pantries. They are a member of Feeding America, which is the nation’s largest domestic hunger relief organization. Feeding America is a network of 199 food banks across the United States that served 5.2 billion meals just last year. Riverbend Food Bank serves a population of around 1,050,00 in 23 counties in eastern Iowa and western Illinois. River Bend Food Bank and food banks across America are such important organizations for the disadvantaged population in the United States, as 1/11 adults and 1/9 children experience hunger every day. Of those people facing hunger, 81% compromise nutrition and long term health to buy the cheapest food on the market. This is why food banks are so important. They have the ability to give those in need the access to inexpensive but quality food. Unfortunately, between restaurant and household waste, the United States throws away 35

million pounds of food each year. River Bend’s goal is to spread the word about what they do, so that 35 million significantly decreases.

River Bend Food Bank runs programs like Student Hunger Drive, Backpack Program, Mobile Food Pantry, and Women Fighting Hunger. The Student Hunger Drive raised 880,000 meals in the Fall of 2023, and the Backpack Program saw 85,000 backpacks distributed in 2022. Annual campaigns like Stamp Out Hunger, Giving Tuesday, Birdies for Charity, and All Hands on Deck are also put on. The big event out of this group is the Birdies for Charity campaign that goes on during the John Deere Classic. The campaign raised over \$14 million last year and 36,000 pounds of leftover food from the golf tournament was donated to the River Bend Food Bank. However, River Bend is far from where they want to be. Although, the number of households served was up 35% last year, food donations were down 29%. With rising food prices, it has become difficult for River Bend to purchase as much food as they would like. Without the food they purchased, their warehouse would only be at 55% capacity. River Bend needs more people to start using them as a resource for food donations.

5. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments.
6. Other Business. There was no other business.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard “Quijas” Brunk  
Secretary