

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

Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
Rock Island County Office Building
1504 Third Avenue, Third Floor County Board Room
Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kippy Breeden – Chair; David Adams; Brad Bark; Ken Beck; Richard “Quijas” Brunk; Michael Davis; Duane Dawson; Lynn Segura (for Reggie Freeman); Robert Gallagher; Ralph Heninger; Jerry Lack; Michael Limberg; Jean Dickson (for John Maxwell); Dan McNeil; Marcy Mendenhall; Drue Mielke; Jazmin Newton; Ross Paustian; James Patrick Schmidt (for Sangeetha Rayapati); Jeff Sorensen; William Stoermer; Mike Thoms; Rich Volkert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kimberly Callaway-Thompson; Rick Dunn; Nathan Mather; Mike Matson; Gary Moore; Randy Moore; Dylan Parker; Eileen Roethler; Rick Schloemer; James Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Wrenn, Rock Island Arsenal; Joshua Shimkus, Quad City Times/Dispatch-Argus; Kelly Krell, City of Riverdale Administrator

STAFF PRESENT: Denise Bulat, Sarah Grabowski, Gena McCullough, Bryan Schmid

Chair Breeden called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Ms. Bulat facilitated introductions of those substituting for appointed Commission members.

1. Approval of the July 24, 2024 Minutes. Mr. Beck motioned to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2024 meeting as presented. Ms. Mendenhall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Brunk presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending July 31, 2024, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$320,809.66. Mr. Brunk moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mayor Thoms seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
 - a. Bills. Mayor Thoms presented the bills totaling \$52,685.19, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Implan Group, Annual Renewal Multi-County Plan	\$5,445.00	
Rock Island County Treasurer	5,704.78	
09/2024	Rent	4,841.75
09/2024	Internet Access	88.00
08/2024	Paper	136.44
08/2024	Managed Print Services	243.34
07/2024	Postage	395.25

Addendum

Benesch, Professional Services, 7/8/2024 to 8/4/2024	\$23,436.58
Kaskaskia Engineering Group, Professional Services 7/1/2024 to 7/31/2024	12,976.36
Blackhawk Bank & Trust VISA credit card expenses related to:	5,122.47
Survey Monkey, Translation Service, Indeed	
2 staff attending QC Chamber Annual Meeting	
2 staff attending IL Public Transportation Association Fall Conference	
1 staff attending ESRI User Conference	
1 staff attending GMS Fall Regional Training Event	
QC Riverfront Council Meeting (costs to be reimbursed by participants)	
Chief Elected and Administrators Meeting (costs to be reimbursed by participants)	

Mr. Beck moved approval of the bills totaling \$52,685.19 as presented above. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2023-24 Program Budget as of July 31, 2024. Mayor Thoms explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed at the meeting. The Commission is 8% through the fiscal year with 6% expended and within budget.
- c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contract for consideration.
 - Agreement with City of Muscatine for an environmental review for properties that are part of the Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Grant Program. Agreement is for actual costs up to \$15,000. Agreement time period starts at the time of agreement execution and runs to 11/15/27.

Mr. Beck moved approval of the agreement as presented above. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. Bi-State Region Trails Update. Mr. Schmid presented an update on activities related to the trails system in the Bi-State Region. Trail infrastructure promotes economic, environmental, health, and equity benefits, while improving roadway safety at a time when over 7,000 pedestrians and bicyclists are killed annually on roadways nationwide. Regionally, the Quad Cities-Kewanee-Muscatine Traffic Safety Action Plan will seek to address concerns of roadway safety from multiple perspectives, including from that of a vulnerable user.

In the Bi-State Region, trail network growth has occurred in the urban area as well as the rural portions of the region, such as in Long Grove. More projects are planned throughout the region to connect and expand the existing network. Bi-State continues its partnership with the Quad City Health Initiative in promoting and maintaining the QCTrails.org website, providing information on more than 500 miles of trails in the Bi-State Region. Technical assistance to member governments is provided through Bi-State’s trail counting program, whereby member governments may loan out infrared trail counters to gauge usage of trails in their jurisdiction.

Member governments and the Bi-State Regional Trails Committee continue to discuss the topic of e-bikes, especially as it concerns safety, enforcement, and promoting trail use for everyone. State and federal funding can be accessed to build recreational and transportation trail infrastructure. Numerous new programs have been introduced since the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) came into effect in 2021. Member governments are encouraged to contact Bi-State for assistance and coordination in applying for grant funds.

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 4:23 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