

Addendum

There were no additional bills.

Mr. Beck moved approval of the bills totaling \$41,262.15 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 September 30, 2024. Mayor Thoms explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed at the meeting. The Commission is 25% through the fiscal year with 21% expended and within budget.
 - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts or grants for consideration.
4. Consideration of the Title VI Program, Plan, and Non-Discrimination Policy for Bi-State Regional Commission 2024 Document. Mr. Schmid reported that the Bi-State Regional Commission’s Title VI document is reviewed and updated on a 3-year cycle. The Title VI document stems from the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which states “No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” This language relates to the transportation planning process, as well as Bi-State’s economic development activities.

Non-discrimination policies in Bi-State’s planning processes include fostering an open and inclusive process through outreach to low-income, minority, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations and eliminating barriers to participation through meetings featuring accessible locations, times, and formats. A demographic profile of the Bi-State Region highlights the concentrations of populations that are identified in executive orders related to Title VI, namely low-income, minority, and LEP populations. The Title VI plan outlines the contact and complaint procedures in the event a person feels they have been discriminated against.

Revisions from the last plan review in 2021 include: identification of designated staff responsible for Title VI oversight; updates to LEP Plan data and maps; clarification on multiple items based on 2024 Certification Review, such as which agency to forward complaints to; and the addition of the FHWA Title VI Plan component. Maps were then presented that showcased the regions median household income with the FFY24-27 TIP projects, the metro’s median household income with transit routes, the region’s percent minority population with the FFY24-27 TIP projects, the metro’s percent minority population with transit routes, the region’s Limited English Proficiency areas with the FFY24-27 TIP projects, and the metro’s Limited English Proficiency areas with transit routes.

5. ImpactLife – Supplying Blood, Saving Lives, and Advancing Medicine. Ms. Hess provided information on ImpactLife. They are based in the Quad Cities with 800 employees in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin. The Quad City Area Donation Centers are located in Davenport, West Davenport, Moline, and Muscatine. They were established in 1974 as Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center and changed their name to ImpactLife in 2021. She invited the Commission to their 50th anniversary celebration on November 19.

She stated they have staff phlebotomists, team leads, and managers at 23 donor center locations in addition to mobile blood drives. When they collect the blood, vials are shipped at the time of donation to their lab for testing of blood type and many different blood borne pathogens and infectious disease.

After a blood donation, the sample is separated into white and red blood cells and platelets.

Before the product is released all steps in donation production are complete and documented. The Inventory Management & Distribution team operates 24/7 and every day of the year. There are seven distribution hubs that supply over 120 hospitals and EMS providers.

The blood donations are used in emergency response for pre-hospital transfusions. Also, 25 percent of blood supplies goes to cancer patients. Blood is likewise used to relieve pain for sickle cell anemia patients.

She said the Blood Emergency Readiness Corp, is a group of blood providers who have joined forces to prepare for mass transfusion disasters, ensuring the ability to meet blood needs without delay. This allows for most centers throughout the United States to help each other when blood is in short supply during a disaster.

There are also new ways to use blood such as Provenge which is used for prostate cancer immunotherapy by empowering the immune system to detect and attack cancer cells. Also, Velico Frontline which is dried plasma that can be carried on board ground and air ambulances and rehydrated and transfused on site for patients experiencing blood loss.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments.
7. Other Business. There was no other business.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary