

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

Wednesday, December 18, 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; Robert Gallagher; Ralph Heninger; Marshall Jones; Jerry Lack; Mike Matson; John Maxwell; Marcy Mendenhall; Drue Mielke; Ross Paustian; Sangeetha Rayapati; Jeff Sorensen; William Stoermer; Mike Thoms; Rich Volkert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kimberly Callaway-Thompson; Duane Dawson; Rick Dunn; Reggie Freeman; Michael Limberg; Nathan Mather; Dan McNeil; Gary Moore; Randy Moore; Jazmin Newton; Dylan Parker; Eileen Roethler; Rick Schloemer

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Wrenn, Rock Island Arsenal; Brian Payne, Scott County EMA; Sgt. Jesse Doty, Rock Island County EMA; Joan Maxwell, Scott County Citizen

STAFF PRESENT: Denise Bulat, Sarah Grabowski, Gena McCullough

Chair Breeden called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. Approval of the November 20, 2024 Minutes. Mr. Beck motioned to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024 meeting as presented. Mayor Thoms seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Maxwell presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending November 30, 2024, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$372,262.92. Mr. Maxwell moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mayor Thoms presented the bills totaling \$37,682.11, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Benesch, Professional Services, 10/7/2024 to 11/30/2024			\$32,307.23
Rock Island County Treasurer			*5,021.90
01/2025	Rent	4,841.75	
01/2025	Internet Access	88.00	
11/2024	Paper/Print Job	92.15	

Addendum

\*CORRECTION:

Rock Island County Treasurer, on Bills List, shown as \$5,021.90; additional invoice added in the amount of \$352.98 (Postage) for a total of \$5,374.88 \$5,374.88

Mr. Beck moved approval of the bills totaling \$37,682.11 as presented above. Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2023-24 Program Budget as of November 30, 2024. Mayor Thoms explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed at the meeting. The Commission is 42% through the fiscal year with 36% expended and within budget.
  - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts or grants for consideration.
4. Emergency Management Agency Presentation. Mr. Payne and Sgt. Doty provided a presentation on county emergency management. They noted every state addresses emergency management differently. Per the Illinois Code, the Rock Island Emergency Management Agency (EMA) falls under the Sheriff’s Office. Per the Iowa Code the Scott County Emergency Management Commission oversees the activities of the Emergency Management Agency. The Scott County Emergency Management Commission is made up of every mayor, one member of the Board of Supervisors, and the Sheriff.

Emergency management agencies support a regional, all-hazards concept of disaster management and Homeland Security to protect lives and property, preserve the environment, and enhance the quality of life throughout their jurisdiction through the coordination of programs that promote community planning, increase public awareness, and develop effective mitigation and response capabilities.

Both emergency management agencies prepare various planning documents. Some of the plans are for disaster exercises, training, response, recovery, and emergency operations with its many sections that describe a certain aspect of a disaster. Plans to determine when emergency support functions (ESF) that should be engaged/stood up in a given disaster are also developed. Hazard mitigation plans are prepared for natural disasters and to be eligible for certain types of FEMA funding. Radiological plans are prepared due to the presence of the Cordova nuclear plant. There are also debris management and damage assessment plans.

Mr. Payne and Sgt. Doty emphasized the importance of partnerships and noted joint efforts include the recently completed joint radio system, medical facility exercises, the Be Ready QC Fair, the Quad City Disaster Readiness Conference, the QC Ready Phone Application, joint training/exercising, and the Salamander Tracking System to track responders remotely as they check-in and out of an incident. The Quad City Emergency Planning Committee meets monthly to receive updates from multidisciplinary partners throughout the region, and there is a joint MOU among the emergency response partners to assist in the event of an active shooter situation. The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) track over 142 hazardous storage sites in the area through “Right to Know” requirements, and there were 33 spills in the Quad Cities Area in 2023.

Through current strategic planning activities they are developing a community-wide planning, training, and exercise program; pre-developed resources for communities to utilize to create, support, or enhance their emergency operation plans; enhanced engagement with current partners; and enhanced public communication.

Ms. Bulat reported that the Muscatine and Henry County Emergency Management Agencies had conflicts and were unable to attend the meeting. Matt Schneppe, with the Henry County Office of Emergency Management, was hosting the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, and downstate counterparts at a workshop in Henry County that day. She stated Henry County also provides services to Stark County, and they are currently completing the review of their joint hazard mitigation plan.

She noted Chris Jasper, with Muscatine County Emergency Management, had provided a summary of activities they were working on including a \$3.9 million dollar upgrade to radios, emergency medical plans for the first annual Muscatine Triathlon, planning for a large scale disaster drill for October 2025, beginning an update to their hazard mitigation plan, identifying essential services related to Emergency Medical Services, and completing establishment of the Louisa/Muscatine Disaster Coalition to support the community as a backup in a disaster.

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 4:09 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