MINUTES OF THE

BI-STATE REGIONAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 3:30 p.m.
Rock Island County Office Building
1504 Third Avenue, Third Floor County Board Room
Rock Island, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Bark – Chair; David Adams; Kippy Breeden; Danny Chick; Michael Davis; Jean Dickson; Rick Dunn; Carla Enburg (for Richard "Quijas" Brunk); Ralph Heninger; Marshall Jones; Kurt Kirchner; Jerry Lack; Michael Limberg; Ken Beck (John Maxwell); Drue Mielke; Scott Naumann; Eileen Roethler; Alan Silas; William Stoermer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Bartels; Maria Bribriesco; Kimberly Callaway-Thompson; Reggie Freeman; Robert Gallagher; Jason Gordon; Ashley Harris; Marcy Mendenhall; Gary Moore; Jazmin Newton; Dylan Parker; Sangeetha Rayapati; Rick Schloemer; Rich Volkert

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Wrenn, Rock Island Arsenal; Rachel Evans, Waste Commission of Scott County; William Gillespie, Mayor of McCausland

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Ahern, Sarah Bamsbas, Denise Bulat, Sarah Grabowski, Jill Henderson, Gena McCullough, Natalie Murphy, Ricky Newcomb

Chair Bark called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m

1. Approval of the July 22, 2026 Minutes. Mr. Beck motioned to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2026 meeting as presented. Mr. Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report. Mayor Limberg presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2026, noting an ending total bank book balance of $811,300.86. Mayor Limberg 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 Limberg presented the bills totaling $14,715.16, as listed on the following bills listing:

Bills List

Rock Island County Treasurer			$5,293.51
09/2026	Rent	4,841.75	
09/2026	Internet Access	88.00	
07/2026	Postage	292.66	
07/2026	Paper	71.10	

Addendum

Strategic Government Resources, Executive Recruitment Professional Fee	9,421.65

Mayor Limberg moved approval of the bills totaling $14,715.16 as presented above. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b. Report on Progress on Commission's FY 2026-27 Program Budget as of July 31, 2026. Mayor Limberg explained that on Program Budget Status Report, the Commission is 8% through the fiscal year with 6.1% expended and within budget.

c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. Ms. Bulat presented the following contracts or grants for consideration.

- Contract with Rock Island County to update the Rock Island County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for $26,250. The contract is for the period of August 1, 2026 through June 17 2030.
- Contract with Scott County to update the Scott County Hazard Mitigation Plan for $42,500. The contract is for the period of September 1, 2027 through March 12, 2028.

4. Presentation on Web-Based Tools to Increase Recycling. Ms. Bambas and Ms. Evans presented on web tools that Rock Island and Scott County residents can use. Ms. Bambas first went over the partnerships and programs that RICWMA offers. The partnerships include electronics recycling, household hazardous waste disposal, used tire pick up, and appliance pick up. There are also free recycling drop offs available in Rock Island County and Scott County. New programs in Illinois were highlighted, PaintCare and Battery Network. Paintcare offers free paint disposal at select paint stores. Battery Network offers free battery recycling at select locations. Ms. Bambas noted that all batteries will be banned from Illinois landfills starting January 2028, and she noted where residents can find all this information. Recycle Coach is a new software that was purchased by Illinois EPA to allow all Illinois counties and municipalities to roll out the software to their residents for free. Residents can use the "What Goes Where" feature to find out how to dispose of items. Recycle Coach also allows residents to see their collection schedule and events in the area. Recycle Coach is offered on RICWMA's website and a mobile app. Ms. Evans then discussed Scott Area Recycling Center updates. The "Last Chance" robot was displayed, and it captures recyclables that machines might miss. America Recycles Day is November 15, and Elf on the Shelf is coming back to Facebook this holiday season to promote holiday recycling. Ms. Evans then highlighted the Waste Commission of Scott County's search tool and collection calendar. The search tool allows residents to search for how to dispose of items. The collection calendar is for residents in Davenport and Bettendorf to see their collection schedule.

5. Presentation on Great River Road Community Clean Fuels/Vehicles Outreach. Bi-State staff will be working with two organizations in both Illinois and Iowa to bring stakeholders together to discuss clean vehicles and fuels along the Great River Road in each state. The scope of work will include stakeholder meetings, promotion of clean technologies in the corridor, identifying gaps and priorities to increase clean fuel options along the scenic byway and expanding tourism capacity. Grant funds were secured through the U.S. Department of Energy. The funds are being administered by the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance in partnership with the Iowa Councils of Governments, and with the Illinois Alliance for Clean Technologies in cooperation with the regional councils along this scenic byway. Bi-State Regional Commission will receive $12,000 for each state effort. Both projects are expected to begin as soon as contracts are executed and to be completed by August 2027.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no questions or comments.

7. Other Business. Mr. Newcomb presented on the effects of the Tyson plant closure on the Bi-State Region. In an early general analysis based on unemployment insurance wage records, approximately 66% of the Tyson Joslin facility workforce lived in Rock Island County in 2023, 11% Scott County, and 7% Henry County. Using the same data, approximately 21% lived in East Moline, 21% Moline, 12% Rock Island, 9% Davenport, and 6% Silvis with the remainder of the workforce living in other communities and unincorporated areas.

   A preliminary impact analysis was conducted using the economic impact analysis tool IMPLAN, based on 2,500 jobs being lost within the plant's industry in the Bi-State region. The direct impact was found to be an estimated $200M in labor income, which includes other benefits in addition to wages and salaries. Such a change also has the potential to reach an additional 5,800 jobs and $320M in labor income through indirect (business-to-business) and induced (household spending) impacts prior to mitigating factors being taken into account. Top other connected industries potentially impacted in the region are beef cattle ranching/farming, truck transportation, and wholesale trade. Analyzing negative impacts (layoff, closures, etc.) is very different from analyzing positive impacts (new businesses, expansions, etc.) because there are many forces actively working to decrease these impacts so that the worst case of these impacts being fully realized does not result. Mitigating these impacts differs depending on industry. Potential impacts decrease as displaced workers find new jobs and as supporting businesses to the Tyson plant find new buyers for their products.

   In further business, Ms. Bulat mentioned that Bi-State will be having a 60th Anniversary luncheon for the October 28 meeting at The Bend Event Center in East Moline at 11:30 a.m. The featured speakers will be presenting on the trail system in the region.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John Maxwell
Secretary