

**Minutes of the
QUAD CITIES RIVERFRONT COUNCIL (QCRFC)**

Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 12:00 p.m.

Council Members in Attendance

Ms. Heather Bishop
Mr. Larry Burns
Ms. Barb Cray
Mr. Doug Littrel
Mr. Ryan Hvitlok
Mr. James Peterson *

Mr. Jeff Reiter *
Ms. Brittany Wells

** Current QCRFC Officers*

*** QCRFC Representative to BSRC*

Others in Attendance:

Ms. Jennifer Bizarri
Dawn Temple

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reiter at 12:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of the November 22, 2022 QCRFC Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the November 22, 2022 minutes. Mr. Peterson seconded, and the meeting minutes were approved.
3. **2022 Certificate of Appreciation Discussion.** Mr. Reiter discussed the requirements to nominate a person or organization for a certificate of appreciation. He asked members to send nominations to Ms. Bizarri before the next meeting, and the members will vote on nominations at the March 28, 2023 meeting. Mr. Reiter said any type of organization could be nominated: non-profit, commercial, or governmental of any size, and there is no limit to how many could be nominated. Mr. Reiter mentioned that last year the City of Rock Island and the Illinois and Iowa DOT's for the new I-74 bridge received awards.
4. **Nomination Committee Announcement.** Mr. Reiter asked staff to explain the process for the nomination committee procedure. Ms. Bizarri explained the bylaws state to include the nomination committee announcement on the yearly January agenda. The bylaws also state officers must be voted on every year at the March meeting, but that officers can serve in their offices for two years., It appears in the past that officers served in a position for two years. Mr. Reiter asked to waive the rules of creating a nomination committee and recommended reappointment of the serving officers for the following year.
5. **Individual Riverfront Reports.**
 - *Visit Quad Cities* – Visit Quad Cities has opened their Davenport office.
 - *Mercer County* – Mr. Peterson said the terminals have been shut down for the season. Keithsburg has a restoration program, but everything is slower in that area during this time of the year.

- *City of Bettendorf* – Mr. Reiter said the DOT will bid the pedestrian elevator structure that will take people up to the pedestrian bridge. It was planned to cost 3 million dollars, but with inflation, it may be closer to 5 million, and the construction may start this summer. There is a phase two also. The old bridge will be removed more in the spring and summer months, and the demolition contractor is taking the majority of the scrap metal.
 - *Rock Island County* – Mr. Burns said discussions with Hutchinson Engineering have taken place with Illiniwek for a new bike path and public restroom project. At Loud Thunder, the archery program is underway, and there have been 28 deer harvested. The zoo is working on the painted dog exhibit.
 - *City of Riverdale* – The emergency entrance for Woods Addition that goes through the park has been completed. Mr. Reiter said that between Bettendorf and Riverdale, MidAmerican is going to decommission the foundry which may include some brownfields issues. He suggested that there should be a lot more dialogue about this subject.
 - *City of Moline* – Mr. Hvitlok said Moline has hired new employees and restructured departments. The City of Moline purchased the Heritage Church Bridge Pointe 485 campus. Also, they are in the beginning stages of the RFP for the Riverfront Master Plan.
 - *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers* – Ms. Bishop said they have begun funding new projects. The Corps is also hosting Lock and Dam 12 dewatering on the 14th through the 16th in Bellevue, Iowa. Lock and Dam 15 was dewatered last year.
 - *Port Byron* – Mayor Cray said the fire department is building a large emergency center with 7 or 9 bays for the fire trucks and the ambulances. The Davenport Bank is being built downtown. The village received a visit from the federal and state EPA, and the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Rural Water Association about PFAS being released by 3M. The water in Port Byron was tested and did not have any PFAS in the water supply.
6. **Presentation on Engaging Communities to Improve Water Quality by Supporting Healthy Watersheds.** Ms. Dawn Temple, Administrator at the Rock Island County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) discussed engaging communities to improve water quality by supporting healthy watersheds.
7. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Quad Cities Riverfront Council will be March 28, 2023. Nominations for certificates of appreciation will be voted on at the March meeting.
8. **Other Business.** None
9. **Adjournment.** Mr. Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Burns seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.