

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

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 3:30 p.m.  
Bettendorf City Hall  
Second Floor Board Room  
1609 State Street  
Bettendorf, Iowa

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Breeden –Vice-Chair, Bark, Beck, Brunk, Deppe, Dunn, Freeman, Kinzer, Lack, Lawrence, Maxwell, Mendenhall, Mielke, Newton, Ortiz, Rodriquez, Roethler, Sauer, Schloemer, Schmidt, Stoermer, Thompson, Waldron

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dawson, Gallagher, Heninger, Kendall, Mather, Matson, G. Moore, R. Moore, Parker, Sherwin, Thoms, Wise

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathy Morris, Waste Commission of Scott County

**STAFF PRESENT:** Bulat, Grabowski, McCullough

Vice-Chair Breeden called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m.

1. Approval of the August 24, 2022 Minutes. Mr. Maxwell moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022 meeting as presented. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Brunk presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending August 31, 2022, noting an ending total bank and book balance of \$575,655.29. Mr. Brunk moved the report be accepted as written and mailed. Mr. Stoermer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Finance and Personnel Committee.
  - a. Bills. Mr. Waldron presented the bills totaling \$26,076.20, as listed on the following bills listing:

**Bills List**

Blackhawk Bank & Trust VISA credit card expenses related to:	3,149.17
August 2nd Mitigation Plan Mtg.;	
August 19th CEO/CAO Mtg. (cost reimbursed by participants);	
August 23rd The Roosevelt Group, LLC Funds Mtg.;	
1 staff attending August 2022 Midwest Comm. Dev. Institute Sessions/Yr. 2;	
2 staff attending August 2022 Assn. of Pedestrian & Bicycle Pros. Conf;	
1 staff attending September 2022 Fall IL Public Transportation Assn. Conf.;	
Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc./ArcGIS Online 1,000 Service Credits; Software Subscriptions including Photoshop & Creative Cloud Licenses;	
Office Supplies	
DELL Marketing, L.P. – Purchase of Latitude 5520 Laptop/MUNICES	2,481.25
Iowa Association of Councils of Government – Annual Membership	
Dues FY 2022-23	3,900.00

Rock Island County Treasurer			5,710.53
10/2022	Rent	4,979.25	
10/2022	Internet Access	88.00	
09/2022	Managed Print Services	239.77	
08/2022	Postage	377.54	
08/2022	Cell Phone	25.97	
Thomas A. Skorepa, P.C., Attorney At Law – August 2022 Fees			2,660.00

Addendum

Caliper Corporation – Transportation Planning Software – 1-Year Subscription September 30, 2022-23			3,000.00
Henry County (Refund for duplicate payment/Hazard Mitigation Project)			5,175.25

Mr. Waldron moved approval of the bills totaling \$26,076.20 as presented above. Ms. Mendenhall seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- b. Report on Progress on Commission’s FY 2022-23 Program Budget as of July 31, 2022. Mr. Brunk explained the Program Budget Status Report was distributed at the meeting. The Commission is 8.3% through the fiscal year with 6.2% expended and within budget.
  - c. Contracts/Grants for Consideration. There were no contracts or grants for consideration.
4. Plastic Pollution Effort Through Mississippi River City Towns Initiative. Ms. Morris with the Waste Commission of Scott County presented on “Xstream Cleanup, Last Stop: The Ocean” as a follow-up to the 2021 Quad Cities Mississippi River Plastics Pollution Initiative. Up to 80% of the marine plastic comes from land-based sources, and the Mississippi River carries a variety of litter to the Gulf of Mexico. In the 2021 citizen scientist litter collection effort last fall, information was collected on 24,933 pieces of litter with the top five items being cigarette butts, food wrappers, paper/cardboard, and plastic fragments. The research recommended providing more access to recycling and trash containers in public places, best-practices resource guide, and greater education around plastic pollution.
- Ms. Morris highlighted a marine litter pilot program where Davenport was selected among 3 cities to participate, and the only one in the U.S. In working with Xstream Clean-Up partners, technology to capture waste in streams was deployed at Duck Creek/Marquette Park and Goose Creek/Silver Creek to remove litter and collect data on the captured items. She highlighted a public awareness event involving additional clean-up, a Mayors’ address and press event, and waste sort slated for October 15 at the Freight House Farmers Market. Data continues to be tracked by downloading the Debris Tracker App on your device and selecting “Mississippi River Plastic Pollution/MRCTI” from the organization list. Visit <http://www.xstreamcleanup.org/citizenscience> to learn more and select a location.
5. Fall/Winter Janitorial Bid for Compostable Dinnerware Items. Ms. McCullough reported that members of the Joint Purchasing Council have expressed interest in using greener products. Greener items continue to be added to the janitorial bid, and staff is exploring the reduction of Styrofoam and plastics for food service bid items. The USEPA has guidelines on sustainability purchasing, and has established an eco-label program. For food service, there are standards for biodegradable products, certified bio-based products, and recyclable materials. Bi-State staff will work with member governments on potential greener

replacements given existing product availability and interest in bulk and multiple purchasers of a particular product.

6. Questions or Comments by Commissioners. There were no additional questions or comments.
7. Other Business. There was no other business.
8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Scott Sauer  
Secretary