

MINUTES OF THE BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 28, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Bi-State Regional Commission
1504 Third Avenue, Third Floor, Room 302
Rock Island, Illinois

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Ludwig opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2024 – The minutes from the January 25, 2024 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Consideration of Unified Trail Use Ordinance Edits. – Mr. Schmid noted the edits to the Unified Trail Use Ordinance as presented at the January Trails Committee meeting. The purpose of the ordinance is to act as a guidepost or template for governments in the region. Following input received from the Iowa Bicycle Coalition and Ride Illinois, the language in the ordinance is inclusive of Class 1, 2, and 3 e-bikes. No further specificity was given in relation to enforcement of a speed limit. Language relating to safe operating speeds was retained (“reasonable and prudent”). Mr. Matthys motioned to adopt the edits to the Unified Trail Use Ordinance. Ms. McDonough seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Discussion of Bicyclist and Pedestrian Safety. Following a series of crashes involving bicyclists and pedestrians in Davenport, representatives from the Davenport Police Department were invited to discuss what they viewed as important issues involving the safety of vulnerable road users. Lt. Smith and Sgt. Harris noted that the three events were each unique in their own regard. At least one of the events included an element of distracted driving. Revisiting basic safety principles and messages could go a long way to correcting dangerous behavior. The Iowa legislature was due to take up a hands-free driving bill, but it was attached to automated traffic enforcement, and its fate is currently unknown.
5. Celebrate Trails Day Discussion. Mr. Schmid noted that April 27 is Celebrate Trails Day. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) markets the event to support partners in showcasing their local trails. A variety of organizations can sign up to become Celebrate Trails Day partners. Associated marketing materials are available from RTC.
6. Committee Member Reports
 - Cornbelt Running Club*–
The club sponsors a Women’s 101 Running club, where safety is the first lesson. The club follows an eight-week training schedule. At the end of which, participants take part in running a 5k.
 - LeClaire*–
Regarding a multiuse path on a new I-80 bridge, LeClaire has stated its support to partnering with Rock Island County on maintaining the facility. The County will work to finalize their support in coming weeks. A statewide Transportation Alternatives Program grant was awarded for the Mississippi River Trail from Eagle Ridge Road to May Street. Likewise, Wisconsin Street will receive federal money from Congressionally Directing Spending. 15th Street Trail is anticipated to be completed in August.
 - Princeton*–

Quad City Bike Club–

The National Ride of Silence is coming up in May. The club will again sponsor breakfast during Bike to Work Week May 13-17.

Scott County–

The City of Eldridge is reviewing a nicotine zoning ordinance in relation to vapes shops. A final review date of April 1 has been set, along with tobacco and nicotine free parks.

Walcott–

Preliminary engineering is complete on the city’s trail extension project. A meeting with residents is scheduled for later tonight. A presentation will be made to the community in May. The city will be looking at applying for REAP and riverboat grants later this year. The project is on track to bid this winter.

7. Other Business – There was no other business.
8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: March 28, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:20 a.m. Minutes: Yes No

Place of Meeting: Bi-State Regional Commission, Rock Island, IL

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Chad Burt	Walcott Trail Committee	
2. Andrew Harris	Davenport Police Department	
3. Vianka Herrera	Scott County Health Department	
4. Greg Ludwig	City of LeClaire	
5. Bob Madison	Cornbelt Running Club	
6. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
7. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
8. Scott McConnell	QC Advocates	
9. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
10. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
11. Jason Smith	Davenport Police Department	
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