

**MINUTES OF THE
BI-STATE REGIONAL TRAIL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, November 21, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

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

1. Welcome/Introductions – Mr. Griffith opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and asked for introductions. (See attached attendance sheet.)
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2024 – The minutes from the September 26, 2024 Bi-State Regional Trail Committee were approved as presented.
3. Presentation on Trail Etiquette Signage. – Mr. Oberg shared numerous resources regarding signage along trail infrastructure, which are free to use and disseminate. Often, campaigns surrounding safety and etiquette are more effective than signage alone. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) provides a series of six videos highlighting trail etiquette rules. A triangular trail yielding sign provides clear information depicting bicyclists yielding to pedestrians, both of whom yielding to equestrians. Mr. Oberg also detailed the RTC Trail-Building Toolbox, which includes information on signage and surface markings. He suggested that trail managers can use more than MUTCD standards, but not to get “creative” with crossing, warning, or safety signage, which are standardized. Wayfinding and regionally branded signage help trail users navigate to their destinations and identify a trail segment as part of a larger interconnected network.
4. Committee Member Reports

Bettendorf–

A bicycle repair station will be installed at the base of the I-74 bridge along with, possibly, artwork. A shelter or overhang may be constructed as well to provide some cover from rain and sun. New trails have been installed near the TBK Bank Sports Complex. A couple of new developments will be built near TBK including a new hospital with a trail connection. A new headquarters for the Quad Cities Bank & Trust will include parklike amenities. The Bettendorf Trails Committee would also be interested in new signage.

Buffalo–

The comprehensive plan update process is progressing to its final stages. The final meeting will be in February 2025. There is still interest in a trail extension to Camp Abe Lincoln.

Davenport–

The Davenport Trails Committee is recruiting members from Wards 1, 2, and 3. The Unified Trail Use Ordinance is under review by the city attorney. Committee members submitted a list of project priorities to the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Moline–

Moline anticipates updating all signage along its trails. It can incorporate QR codes for different languages.

Quad City Bike Club–

There are currently eight boxes left of QC Metro Maps.

Scott County–

The 2024 Community Health Assessment has been released, and the document and data are on the Health Department’s website. The top priority in the assessment is limited access to

health care. The public service announcement (PSA) group for bike safety will reconvene in 2025. April is distracted driving awareness month, and social media postings will highlight the issues and dangers of distracted driving.

Visit Quad Cities–

New bicycle repair stations will be installed in Davenport and Bettendorf in the spring. The bike rental season will end November 26.

Walcott–

Not much advancement has been made on the trail extension project in the last couple of months. The Trails Committee is looking for alternatives and seeking further community feedback through a survey.

5. Other Business – There was interest in establishing a subcommittee on regional trail signage.
6. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Meeting of: Bi-State Regional Trail Committee

Date: November 21, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m. To 11:30 a.m. Minutes: Yes X No __

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

Name:	Title/Representing:	Contact # or Email:
1. Taylor Beswick	City of Bettendorf	
2. Chad Burt	City of Walcott Trails Committee	
3. Cassidy Darin	Visit Quad Cities	
4. Eric Griffith	City of Moline	
5. Jason Manfull	City of Bettendorf	
6. Dean Mathias	Quad City Bicycle Club	
7. Jim Matthys	City of Buffalo	
8. Christina McDonough	Scott County Health Department	
9. Eric Oberg (virtual)	Rails-to-Trails Conservancy	
10. Mike Schertz	City of Davenport Trails Committee	
11. Bryan Schmid	Bi-State Regional Commission	
12. Liz Solis-Willis	City of Bettendorf	
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