



Mississippi River Parkway Commission
Called Meeting
June 19, 2026 9:00 a.m.

9.00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hammond

Present: Lisa Walsh, Kevin Firnstahl, Roger Thomas, Valerie Reinke, Kirk Brandenberger, Eric Furnas, Jane Regan and Ann Geiger

Others: Emily Whaley, Iowa DOT

The Commission discussed the payment of \$250 for the Byways of Iowa Foundation. After much discussion, and without having a request or invoice from the BIF, Whaley is going to investigate with the DOT legal whether the commission is allowed to make payments of this nature to non-profits. Pending further information, Thomas moved not to make the payment, second by Furnas. Hammond conducted a roll-call vote since there was much discussion and the group was meeting virtually. Thomas – Aye; Reinke – Aye; Brandenberger – Aye; Furnas – Aye; Geiger – Aye; Firnstahl – Aye; Walsch – Aye; Hammond – Aye. No one voted nay.

Firnstahl moved to approve with a second by Walsh, the updated June 2026 budget to include a mileage reimbursement for Firnstahl in the amount of \$58 and a removal of a redundancy. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Firnstahl, with a second by Walsh, to move \$284.36 out of personal car (in state) and \$159.25 from meals (out of state), for a total of \$443.61, to printing and advertising. This would make the non-allocated portion of printing and advertising to be \$1,333.05. The motion carried unanimously.

Geiger moved, with a second by Furnas, to accept a quote from Dimensional Graphics to purchase 900 Iowa Great River Road Passports in the amount of \$998.00. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is July 7, 2026 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Toolesboro Mounds and Museum, National Historic Landmark.

The meeting was adjourned