



## Region 1 Planning Council Board

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 6, 2025

127 N Wyman St, Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

#### 1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Jury at 8:01 am.

#### 2. Roll Call

A quorum was present. Attending members included:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Boone County	<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chicago Rockford Int'l Airport	<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry Economic Development Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Belvidere	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicor / Southern Co
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Freeport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Illinois University
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Loves Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northwestern Illinois Building Trades
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Rochelle	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Park Public Water District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Rockford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rochelle Economic Development Corporation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of South Beloit (8:03)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Mass Transit District
<input type="checkbox"/>	ComEd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Park District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Advisory Forum Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rock Valley College
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Four Rivers Sanitation Authority (8:03)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephenson County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater Freeport Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village of Cherry Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village of Machesney Park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Growth Dimensions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village of Roscoe (8:05)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Highland Community College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago County
<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry Community College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Workforce Connection

#### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the Board.

#### 4. PRESENTATION: Federal Outlook *Erich Zimmerman, National Association of Regional Councils (NARC)*

Mr. Dunn introduced Erich Zimmerman and Jessica Monahan, with the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC). Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Monahan gave an update on the current climate in Washington DC, especially with respect to transportation reauthorization and the income tax bill. The climate continues to be unstable. NARC has been very active in DC, advocating in Congress for R1 and RPCs' interests in policy and funding

Mr. Zimmerman and Ms. Monahan took questions from attendees.

#### 5. Consent Agenda

a. *Approval of November 14, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.*

**Motion** by Machesney Park, seconded by City of Rockford, to **approve** the Consent Agenda.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

**6. Update: Health + Transportation Study, Nathan Larsen**

Mr. Larsen gave an overview of the recently published Health + Transportation Study, created with the combined efforts of R1's MPO and Community Impact teams. The study outlines the ways transportation planning affects community health, providing recommended actions in key focus areas like traffic safety, air and water quality, healthy food access, and physical access to services.

**7. Action Item: Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract for Mental Health Rideshare Provider**

Mr. Holcomb explained that a county mental health rideshare service is being implemented in part due to findings from the Health + Transportation Study. One of those recommendations was the need for a last-resort HIPPA-compliant rideshare program, which R1 will be implementing with Kaizen Health.

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County, to approve the action item.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

**8. Action Item: Approval of Slate of Nominees to the Community Advisory Forum 2-year Term of Jan. 2025 – Dec. 2026**

Chelsey Glatz requested approval from the board to approve listed members.

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County, to approve the action item.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

**9. Action Item: Approval of Charter for Regional Data Advisory Committee**

Mr. Holcomb discussed the need for R1 to create a committee that will oversee its expanding data collaboration efforts. The committee will oversee data management, educate RPCs on regional data analysis, and evaluate the region's specific needs. Mr. Holcomb asked the board to submit nominees to serve on this inaugural committee.

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce, to approve the action item.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

**10. Action Item: Formation of Ad Hoc Resiliency Improvement Committee**

The Climate Resiliency Forum, upon its dissolution, requested board permission to create an ad hoc committee under the Community Advisory Forum.

Motion by Winnebago County, seconded by City of Rockford, to approve the action item.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

**11. Vote on RESOLUTION 2024-04: Livable Communities Initiative Technical Assistance Award**

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County, to approve the Resolution.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

**12. Vote on RESOLUTION 2024-05: Banking Services Vendor**

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Steve Johnson, to approve the Resolution.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote. Ms. Larson abstained.

**13. Vote on RESOLUTION 2025-01: Building Lease Renewal**

Mr. Dunn spoke on R1's office building renovations to provide additional working space for employees and requested a 5-year lease extension on the current office building.

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County, to approve the Resolution.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

**14. Vote on RESOLUTION 2025-02: Mowing RFP**

Motion by Winnebago County, seconded by City of Rockford, to approve the Resolution.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

**15. Vote on RESOLUTION 2025-03: Personnel and Policy Updates**

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County, to approve the Resolution.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

**16. Vote on RESOLUTION 2025-04: Consulting Services with Phelps Barry & Associates, LLC dba Fulcrum Government Strategies**

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County, to approve the Resolution.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

**17. Vote on RESOLUTION 2025-05: Authorization to Submit and Administer Rural Business Development Grant**

Motion by Winnebago County, seconded by City of Rockford, to approve the Resolution.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote. Isaac Guerrero described a prerequisite for a grant that is seeking technical assistance to prepare sites for industry in ag and clean energy-related businesses.(Attract businesses in that space)

**18. Other Business**

**19. Executive Director's Report**

- a. *Second Quarter Financial Results* – Mr. Dunn reported that second quarter results look great and the organization is fiscally on track.
- b. *Facility Update* – Mr. Dunn mentioned that staff deserves accolades with a number of projects coming to fruition in the next few months.
- c.

**20. Adjournment**

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Winnebago County, to adjourn.

Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Amy Salamon  
Minutes approved by action of the Board: \_\_\_\_\_