

Executive Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 20, 2026

Region 1 Planning Council, 127 N Wyman St, Ste 100, Rockford, IL 61101

1) Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Chiarelli at 7:31 am.

2) Roll Call

Members Present: Belvidere, Boone County, Rockford Park District, Winnebago County, City of Rockford, Machesney Park.

Not Present: Loves Park

Others Present: Michael Dunn

3) Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the Committee.

4) Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 30, 2026 was motioned for approval by Mayor McNamara and seconded by Chairman Johnson. Passed unanimously.

5) Executive Director Report

Mr. Dunn opened the floor to ask about additional fee for service technical support that the members of the organization might require from staff in the next 18 months.

Mr. Dunn gave a verbal update on the annual budget cycle and the status of May 2026 financial reports. Next budget and officer elections are due in May.

Mr. Dunn shared details on the upcoming tour of the Miami-Dade Mental Health facility tour organized by the Winnebago County Mental Health Board, and supported by R1 staff.

Mr. Dunn shared more information on AMPO's BASICS ACT and its status for the upcoming Federal Highway Reauthorization, as well as information on Congressman Foster's visit in Belvidere. Brief development project updates were given on the status of Stellantis and the Global Air-Rock development, with additional updates to come.

Winnebago County Development Authority's financial standing, with additional funds from Winnebago County, was disclosed, as well as its potential future as a three-county development authority on behalf of member counties and municipalities.

The new Land Bank website/sales platform and results of the first auction through this site were shared with the committee. This led to a larger discussion on the Spring General Assembly, their activity on the Governor's Housing initiatives, and financial opportunities R1 might be able to assist with.

6) Other Business. *None*

8) Adjournment

Motion by Chairman Johnson, seconded by Mayor Morris, to **adjourn**. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:21 am.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Michael Dunn
Minutes approved by action of the Committee: _____