



Region 1 Planning Council Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2023
 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 8:03 am.

2. Roll Call

A quorum of was present, including:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Boone County	<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicago Rockford Int'l Airport	<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry Economic Development Association
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Belvidere (8:09)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicor / Southern Co
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Freeport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Northern Illinois University
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Loves Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northwestern Illinois Building Trades
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Rochelle	<input type="checkbox"/>	North Park Public Water District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City of Rockford	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rochelle Economic Development Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of South Beloit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ComEd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Park District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Four Rivers Sanitation Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rock Valley College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater Freeport Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephenson County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater Rockford Growth Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village of Cherry Valley
<input type="checkbox"/>	Growth Dimensions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village of Machesney Park
<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 (8:05)

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the Board.

4. Consent Agenda

a. *Approval of May 18th, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes*

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

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

5. ACTION: Resolution approving Fehr Graham as US EPA Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant Environmental Consultant

Motion by Village of Machesney Park, seconded by Four Rivers Sanitation Authority, to **approve** Fehr Graham as US EPA Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant Environmental Consultant.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

6. FY2023 Financial Report

Mr. Dunn presented a summary of R1's finances at the close of FY2023.

7. Guest Speakers: Ana Diaz-Puskar and Rachel McLaughlin from Forefront Power

Ms. Diaz-Puskar, Senior Associate of Sales, and Ms. McLaughlin, Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Forefront Power, gave a presentation to the Board on a money-saving solar project that Forefront is coordinating for Rockford Public Schools. Diaz-Puskar and McLaughlin explained that Forefront can design and build similar rooftop or ground-mounted solar array projects for R1 local government partners. ForeFront Power is a San Francisco based company that is a leading developer of commercial and industrial-scale solar energy and battery storage projects in the U.S. and Mexico.

8. Executive Director's Report.

- a. **R1 Activities Update:** Sydney Turner, Director of Regional Planning, presented an update on R1 projects since the last board meeting. Current priorities are updating federal planning documents (CEDS, MTP, CAP), 2024 Infrastructure Priorities Report, Health & Transportation Study, Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study, watershed outreach demonstration project, and a community energy needs assessment. Drive Electric Week is Sept 22 – Oct 1. Discussion followed.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Winnebago County, seconded by Four Rivers Sanitation Authority, to **adjourn**.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 am.

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