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Winnebago County Chairman Joe Chiarelli Named R1 Board Vice-Chair

ROCKFORD, IL – Region 1 Planning Council (R1) is pleased to announce that Joe Chiarelli, Winnebago County Board Chair, was elected as the new Vice-Chairperson of the R1 Governing Board, effective immediately.

“I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this important role alongside our region’s elected leaders at R1,” said Chiarelli. “The work that R1 does is critical in shaping the future of our region, from economic development to fostering collaboration among local governments and organizations. I am honored to take on this new leadership role in making Winnebago County and the broader region a more prosperous place for all residents.”

Chiarelli will also continue to chair R1’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) policy committee, focused on this region’s transportation priorities. He also represents Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota at the National Association for Regional Councils in Washington D.C., and serves as the chair of their finance committee.

Chiarelli fills an unexpired vacancy. Greg Jury, mayor of Loves Park, is the current chair.

ABOUT RPC – [Region 1 Planning Council](#) is a special-purpose, regional government agency providing cross-jurisdictional, government-to-government collaborative planning for Northern Illinois. The regional planning model provides an efficient means to promoting a well-informed, comprehensive dialogue that holistically addresses regional issues by fulfilling the needs of government entities for long-range planning, securing funding, and analyzing and providing data in support of regional projects and initiatives.

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