



## Region 1 Planning Council Board

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2024

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, including:

<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 type="checkbox"/>	City of Belvidere	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicor / Southern Co
<input type="checkbox"/>	City of Freeport	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	City of South Beloit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Mass Transit District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ComEd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rockford Park District
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Four Rivers Sanitation Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rock Valley College
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Greater Freeport Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stephenson County
<input type="checkbox"/>	Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Village of Cherry Valley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Growth Dimensions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village of Machesney Park
<input type="checkbox"/>	Highland Community College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village of Roscoe
<input type="checkbox"/>	McHenry Community College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Winnebago County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Martesha Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Workforce Connection

#### 3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the Board.

#### 4. PRESENTATION: Health Industry Outlook – Travis Andersen, President and CEO UW Health Northern Illinois

Travis Andersen, President and CEO of UW Health Northern Illinois presented on the state of the health industry, market trends, and workforce. Mr. Andersen acknowledged that there are shortages in many areas, particularly as it pertains to the aging population. UW's strength, as far as attracting and retaining workforce, is maximizing and promoting the positive culture it has and creating relationships among staff. A question and answer session followed.

#### 5. PRESENTATION: FY23 Financial Audit – Lauterback & Amen

Macade Thorpe from Lauterback & Amen presented an overview of the R1 audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. R1 received the highest possible opinion. Recommendations will be followed up by R1 staff and Lauterback & Amen. There were no questions.

6. **RESOLUTION 2024-01:** Approval of Financial Audit for FY ending Jun. 30, 2023  
Motion by Winnebago County, seconded by Machesney Park, to approve the Resolution.  
Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.
7. **Consent Agenda**  
*a. Approval of November 16, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes*  
Motion by Machesney Park, seconded by Winnebago County, to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.
8. **Executive Director's Report**  
Mr. Dunn presented a summary of R1's finances from the second quarter of 2023. Fee for service work will be a focus going forward. Labor is on target, but more employees may be necessary before the close of the fiscal year. There were no questions.
9. **RISE Update**  
Isaac Guerrero gave a final update on the RISE analysis. This study examined four industry clusters and their market outlook in the region: Innovative Agriculture, Electric Vehicles, Renewable Energy, and IT Innovation. R1 will apply for a strategy implementation grant once it is available. Guerrero will send a link to the final report to board members. Discussion followed.
10. **Mental Health Programming Update**  
Update was postponed until next meeting.
11. **MPO Update**  
Update was postponed until next meeting.
12. **Other Business**  
Mr. Dunn gave an overview of the Winnebago County trustee auction to be held in March/April.
13. **Adjournment**  
Motion by Machesney Park, seconded by Village of Cherry Valley, to adjourn.  
Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:04 am.

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