



Region 1 Planning Council Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2026

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 8:00 am.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was present. Attending members included:

☒	Boone County	☐	McHenry County
☒	Chicago Rockford Int'l Airport	☐	McHenry County Economic Development Corporation
☐	City of Belvidere	☐	Nicor / Southern Co
☒	City of Freeport	☐	Northern Illinois University
☒	City of Loves Park (left 8:50)	☐	Northwestern Illinois Building Trades
☒	City of Rochelle	☒	North Park Public Water District
☒	City of Rockford	☐	Rochelle Economic Development Corporation
☒	City of South Beloit	☒	Rockford Mass Transit District
☒	ComEd	☒	Rockford Park District
☒	Community Advisory Forum Chair	☒	Rock Valley College
☒	Four Rivers Sanitation Authority	☐	Stephenson County
☒	Greater Freeport Partnership	☒	Village of Cherry Valley
☒	Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce	☒	Village of Machesney Park
☒	Growth Dimensions	☐	Village of Roscoe
☒	Highland Community College	☒	Winnebago County
☐	McHenry County College	☒	The Workforce Connection

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the Board.

4. PRESENTATION: Streetlight Transportation Data Analytics – Tim Verbeke, R1 Director of Planning

Mr. Verbeke gave an overview of the Streetlight Data platform he is requesting to contract as a data provider for the School Zone Safety grant. This data source can be used for traffic data analyses for R1 partners beyond the grant scope; member agencies are encouraged to contact Mr. Verbeke for more information.

Questions followed.

5. Consent Agenda

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

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

6. ACTION ITEM: Elect Board Chair and Co-Chair for FY27

Winnebago County nominated Mayor Greg Jury for board chair, seconded by the City of Rockford. The City of Loves Park nominated Chairman Joe Chiarelli for board co-chair, seconded by the Greater Rockford Chamber of Commerce.

- a. **Vote on RES 2026-06: Appointing Officers of the Region 1 Joint Planning Commission**
Motion by Village of Cherry Valley, seconded by City of Loves Park, to approve RES 2026-06.
Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

7. YTD Financial Results and FY27 Budget

Mr. Dunn presented the agency's financial results, which included Q3 and April, and a proposed budget for FY27. Questions followed.

- a. **Vote on RES 2026-07 Adoption of FY27 Budget**
Motion by ComEd, seconded by Village of Machesney Park, to approve RES 2026-07.
Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

8. PRESENTATION: IDOT Blue Ribbon Commission – Brandon Geber,

IDOT Metropolitan Program Planning Section Chief

Mr. Geber presented on IDOT's Blue Ribbon Commission, which outlines the agency's strategic priorities and solutions for efficiency. The full report, now available online, will receive annual updates.

Questions followed.

9. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dunn highlighted recent successes from R1 teams. Mr. Holcomb announced that the Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC), an initiative his team implemented and manages, received a Regional Achievement award from the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC), which will be formally announced at their annual conference in June. R1 will host U.S. Congressmen Sorensen and LaHood on separate upcoming dates for transportation discussions. Mr. Verbeke updated the board on the Safe Streets 4 All and School Zone Safety grant programs. R1 has received recent media coverage on housing, solid waste management, and data center topics.

Comments and questions followed.

10. Other Business

There was no other business

11. Adjournment

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Village of Machesney Park, to adjourn.
Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 10, 2026

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