



Rail Authority Meeting

Thursday, February 22, 2024, 5:00 pm
Chicago Rockford International Airport auditorium
60 Airport Drive, Rockford, IL 61109

Minutes

Members: Paul Cicero, Chairman; Tom Myers, Vice-Chairman; Pat Agnew; Leslie West (5:03); Mike Schablaske; Jake Castanza; Dianne Parvin; Thomas Lester; Zack Oakley; Michael Dunn, Jr.

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Cicero at 5:01 pm

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

There were none present who wished to address the Board.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of March 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Agnew, seconded by Commissioner Schablaske, to **approve** the Consent Agenda.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

5. Presentation on development opportunities

Michael Dunn, Jr., gave a presentation on the Rail Authority's purpose and future development opportunities. Mr. Dunn described the purpose of a Rail Authority and that as Regional Director of the MPO, Region 1 Planning Council (R1) also acts as Executive Director of the Rail Authority.

R1 requests board approval for **Resolution 2024-01** which authorizes R1 to apply for a multi-faceted state grant, once it is posted, that will benefit a future rail-served industrial park in southern Winnebago County.

Discussion followed.

6. RESOLUTION: Approval to support site electricity feasibility grant

Motion by Commissioner Castanza, seconded by Commissioner Agnew, to **approve Resolution 2024-01**.

Motion **approved** unanimously by voice vote.

7. Other Business



There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Chairman Cicero, seconded by Commissioner Agnew to **adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

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