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Region 1 Planning Council Officers Elected

ROCKFORD, IL — The Region 1 Planning Council governing board elected officers at its regular board meeting held Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere, was elected Board Chairman. Mayor Greg Jury, City of Loves Park, was elected Board Vice Chairman. They will both serve as the Council's officers with term ending June 30, 2021.

Region 1 Planning Council (RPC) 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.

Regional planning represents the unification of various organizations working together with their respective communities towards a common goal; often this comes in the form of comprehensive planning documents, collaborative policies and procedures, and regional goals. Challenges that affect the region—whether it is social inequity, environmental degradation, structurally deficient infrastructure, or natural disasters—require the expertise from these partner organizations to be integrated with public comment into unified outputs that represents the interests of all. Often this results in policies that represent a broader group of individuals and the municipalities they make up.

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