



REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 13, 2018 – 1:30p

Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main Street, Rockford

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 1:40 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County; Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Todd Cagnoni, City of Rockford; Mayor Steve Johnson, Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; John Donahue, North Park Public Water District; Ian Linnabary, Rockford Park District; J. Hanley, RRWRD; Nathan Bryant, RAEDC; Pam Fettes, Growth Dimensions; Dr. Doug Jensen, RVC; Jeff Polsean, Chicago Rockford International Airport; Lowell Crow, City of Freeport; Mayor Ted Rehl, City of South Beloit; Michael Stubbe, RMTD; Mayor Owen Costanza, Village of Poplar Grove.
ABSENT: Village of Cherry Valley, Greater Freeport Partnership, The Workforce Connection, NIU Rockford, Highland Community College, ComEd, NICOR.
OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Dunn, Julia Halsted, Jon Paul Diipla, Dana Northcott, Christina Washington Sydney Turner, Eric Setter, Margaret Campbell, Janna Bailey, Jay Fieser, Dhawal Kataria, Ivy Hood, Brandon Geber, Steve Gregg, RPC; Heather Snider, RVC.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
None.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2018 RPC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Motion to approve the October 25, 2018, RPC Board meeting minutes was made by Village of Machesney Park seconded by Rockford Park District. Motion carried unanimously (13-0).

5. **ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION**
 - A. **Program & Fund Development Update**
Ms. Northcott reported that five grant applications have been submitted this quarter. Freeport, SwedishAmerican Healthy System, and the Village of Poplar Grove have been brought on as new fund development clients. Ms. Northcott has been appointed to the national Grant Professionals Foundation Board of Directors.

 - B. **MPO Updates**
 - i. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**
Ms. Turner provided a summary of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, a federally-required document that examines the past trends, current conditions, and anticipates the future transportation and

development needs of the region that is updated every 5 years. With a strong focus on public and stakeholder participation through the entire planning process, the RPC will be holding public engagement sessions throughout the region next month.

ii. **RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Study**

Mr. Geber reported that the MPO is currently working with RMTD to understand the market for growth in public transportation in the RMTD Service Area. Mr. Geber provided a brief overview of the state grant received for conducting the RMTD Comprehensive Mobility Analysis, and the Public Transportation Survey being conducted to understand the needs of riders and potential users.

Mr. Geber provided details about the upcoming rider forums that will be conducted in mid-January and various pop-up meetings at the end of January.

iii. **TIGER / Passenger Rail Initiative**

Mr. Dunn stated that RPC's TIGER application was not selected and that the only project selected was in Springfield.

Mr. Dunn announced a Passenger Rail workshop being conducted at the request of Representative Joe Sosnowski.

C. Land Bank Update

Mr. Setter reported that the Land Bank intergovernmental agreement (IGA) is being approved by the four charter members of the Land Bank. Once approved, a board will be seated and strategies and policies will be set by the Trustees.

D. WinGIS Update

Mr. Gregg reported that the integration process is complete with the exception of one employee who will be transitioned on January 1.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Establish a Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan

Mr. Dunn stated that RPC has considered establishing a Deferred Compensation Plan to be made available to all eligible employees pursuant to Federal legislation permitting such plans. A brief discussion took place among members regarding deferred compensation plans options for the size of an organization such as RPC.

Mayor Chamberlain entertained a motion to approve RPC Resolution #2018-8, first motion was made by the City of Loves Park, second motion was made by the Rockford Park District. Motion approved unanimously (13-0).

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dunn thanked members for their assistance in forming the RPC which is now a year old. Mr. Dunn stated that the RPC will be drafting up a work plan of project priorities which will be presented to members for their review and their choice of project to list as priorities.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, Village of Machesney Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by City of Loves Park. Approved unanimously (13-0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 PM.