



REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 27, 2019 – 1:32p

Regional Design Center, 315 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61101

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION:** Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 1:32 PM.
2. **ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: City of Belvidere, Winnebago County, City of Rockford, Village of Machesney Park, Rockford Park District, RRWRD, Greater Freeport Partnership, RAEDC, The Workforce Connection, Rock Valley College, Chicago Rockford International Airport, City of Freeport, RMTD.
Growth Dimensions arrived at 1:35pm.
Highland Community College arrived at 1:39pm.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Boone County, City of Loves Park, North Park Water, NIU Rockford, ComEd, NICOR.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Dunn, Jon Paul Diipla, Christina Washington, Sydney Turner, Colin Belle, Eric Setter, Margaret Campbell, Janna Bailey, Jay Fieser, Allen Mills, Ivy Hood, Brandon Geber, Marlana Dokken, Steve Gregg, Aaron Frey; Chuck Klutho, Aaron Lewis, Sophia Nicolosi, Alex Rosander, RPC; Doug DeLille, IDOT Urban Planning & Programming; John Donovan, FHWA.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 9, 2019 RPC BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Motion to **approve** the May 9, 2019 RPC Board meeting minutes was made by the City of Rockford seconded by Chicago Rockford International Airport. Motion **carried** unanimously.
5. **ACTION ITEM**

A. Adoption of a Budget for Fiscal Year 2020
Mr. Dunn provided a brief summary regarding the FY2020 Budget.
Motion by Belvidere to **approve** Resolution 2019-10 Adopting FY2020 Budget. Motion **carried** unanimously by voice vote.
6. **ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

Mr. Diipla and Ms. Turner provided a brief presentation regarding the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and a brief Q&A took place among members and staff.

Aaron Lewis provided a brief report and recommendations on the Coyote initiative including:

- Member social media updates once on a biweekly basis disseminating information to the public.
- Fact sheet to be shared to the public of identifying a coyote and other safety information.
- Subject matter expert Peggy Doty of U of I Extension available to give public presentations and interviews with media stations.
- Enforcement of policies regarding feeding wild animals and securing garbage away from small critters.

Ms. Hood provided a brief summary and update on the 2020 Census Regional Complete Count Committee.

Executive Director Michael Dunn reported the following:

- RMTD, City of Rockford and RPC is working on a BUILT Grant and are looking for letter of support from members.
- RAEDC and Rockford Area Chamber of Commerce has asked RPC to provide models of an EDO that has combined with a Chamber of Commerce.
- Mayor McNamara asked for a status on the formation of a Council of Governments. Mr. Dunn provided a brief update on the steps that have been taken to form the COG and stated that the paperwork has been filed. Mayor urges Mr. Dunn to push the process along to establish the COG.
- IDOT Grants that have been applied for include Street Light Sidewalk Data and Regional Interchange Study
- Land Bank operations, including the pending acquisition of the first round of properties
- Development of a Community Dash Board

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dunn provided a brief summary on RPC Election of Officers.

Motion by City of Rockford, seconded by Village of Machesney Park, to **approve** the current RPC Chair and Vice-Chair for another term. Motion **approved** unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, City of Rockford made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Highland Community College. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM.