



## REGION 1 PLANNING COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES / Thursday, December 19, 2019 – 1:30pm  
(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 1:33 PM.

### 2. Roll Call

**Members Present:** City of Belvidere, Winnebago County, Boone County, City of Rockford, Village of Machesney Park, North Park Water District, Rockford Park District, RRWRD, RAEDC, Chicago Rockford International Airport, City of Freeport, RMTD.

Highland Community College arrived at 1:41pm.

**Members Not Present:** Village of Cherry Valley, Greater Freeport Partnership, The Workforce Connection, NIU Rockford, Rock Valley College, ComEd, NICOR.

**Others Present:** Mike Dunn, Julia Halsted, Christina Washington, Sydney Turner, Colin Belle, Eric Setter, Megan Devine, Margaret Campbell, Janna Bailey, Jay Fieser, Allen Mills, Ivy Hood, Brandon Geber, Marlana Dokken, Steve Gregg, Aaron Frey; Chuck Klutho, Aaron Lewis, R1PC; John Oimoen, IDOT Bureau Chief of Rail; Tim Hinkens, City of Rockford PW; Heather Wick, Growth Dimensions; Dan Streed, Izzy Mandujano, Boone County; Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Dept.; Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway Dept.; Jason Holcomb, David Sydney, Transform Rockford; Terry Pitkus, Citizen; Mary Sugden, WREX; Courtney Sisk, 23 News.

### 3. Public Comment:

None

### 4. Proclamation

Ms. Halsted presented and provided a summary regarding the Trauma Informed Community Proclamation.

### 5. Items Presented for Information and Discussion

#### a) IDOT Passenger Rail Service to Chicago – John Oimoen Bureau of Rail – Bureau Chief

Mr. Oimoen stated that the IDOT Passenger Rail Service to Chicago initiative is just getting started and the first item of task is to get the consultant underway. Mr. Oimoen stated they have met with both railroads and will be meeting individual communities for their input.

Mr. Oimoen indicated that a Commitment from Governor that passenger rail will be coming to the region is in the works but it will take some time and patience.

A brief discussion took place amongst members and Mr. Oimoen regarding Passenger Rail Service from Rockford to Chicago.

**6. Approval of the August 29 2019 R1PC Board meeting minutes:**

Motion to approve the August 29, 2019 R1PC Board meeting minutes was made by the Rockford Park District seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Action Items**

- a) R1PC Board Resolution #2019-12 - Mr. Dunn provided a brief summary regarding Resolution #2019-12 Authorizing the Application for Economic Development Administration Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Grant Funding & Designation of Authorized Representative  
A motion was made by Highland Community College to approve R1PC Board Resolution #2019-12; second motion was made by City of Loves Park. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) R1PC Board Resolution #2019-13 – Mr. Dunn provided a brief summary regarding Resolution #2019-13 Authorizing Acceptance of Illinois Housing Development Authority Land Bank Capacity Program Grant Agreement.  
A motion was made by Winnebago County to approve R1PC Board Resolution #2019-13; second motion was made by North Park Water District. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) R1PC Board Resolution #2019-14 – Mr. Dunn provided a brief summary regarding the amendment to the Bylaws of the Region 1 Joint Regional Planning Commission, Article 5: Meetings and Rues.  
A motion was made by Highland Community College; second motion was made by Boone County. Motion carried unanimously.
- d) Mr. Dunn referenced the 2020 Regular Meeting Schedule handout and provided a brief summary of the meeting schedules for 2020. Members were in consensus with the 2020 Regular Meeting schedule as proposed.
- e) Mayor Chamberlain stated that Attorney Linnabary advised that R1PC needs to discuss the closed session records at the R1PC Executive Committee meeting that is scheduled for tomorrow and then report back to the Board.

**8. Executive Director's Report**

- a) FY2020 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financials – Mr. Dunn provided a brief summary and details regarding the R1PC FY20-Q1.

**9. Other Business**

None.

**10. Adjournment:**

As there was no further business, Rockford Park District made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the City of Freeport. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 PM.