



REGION I PLANNING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES / Thursday, October 25, 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; Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Mayor Thomas McNamara, City of Rockford; Tim Savage, Village of Machesney Park; Ian Linnabary, Rockford Park District; Tim Hanson, J. Hanley, RRWRD; Rebecca Motley, Greater Freeport Partnership; Nathan Bryant, RAEDC; Lisa Bly, The Workforce Connection; Dr. Doug Jensen, RVC; George Gaulrapp, ComED; Lowell Crow, City of Freeport; Michael Stubbe, RMTD.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: City of Loves Park, North Park Water District, Growth Dimensions, NIU Rockford, Highland Community College, Chicago Rockford International Airport, NICOR.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Dunn, Julia Halsted, Jon Paul Diipla, Dana Northcott, Christina Washington Sydney Turner, Colin Belle, Eric Setter, Margaret Campbell, Janna Bailey, Jay Fieser, Dhawal Kataria, Ivy Hood, Brandon Geber, Steve Gregg, Sarah Stromberg, Aaron Frey, RIPC; Doug DeLille, IDOT District #2; Todd Cagnoni, City of Rockford; Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Department, Jeremy Ciesel, Ogle County Highway Department, Craig Fink, Tazewell County Highway Department; Linda Campos, Campos Construction; Joe Altenhoff, ARC Design; Joe Vanderwerff, Carlos Molina, Winnebago County Highway Department.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

4. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 23, 2018 RIPC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the August 23, 2018 RIPC Board meeting minutes was made by RAEDC, seconded by the City of Rockford. Motion carried unanimously (12-0).

5. ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

A. State of the Highway

i. **Winnebago County Highway** - Mr. Joe Vanderwerff, Winnebago County Highway Engineer provided a presentation regarding Winnebago County Highway Assessment. Winnebago County Highway has been working on cost reductions for more than 20 years. They include:

- Savings in Labor
- Savings in the Purchase & Use of Equipment
- Reduction of Highway Mileage

- Reducing our Utility Costs

Mr. Vanderwerff stated Winnebago County Highway has consistently leveraged available revenue to obtain the maximum amount of leveraged dollars to address the capital needs of the Highway Department. Recent example are Perryville Rd/UP Railroad Bridge and Bell School Rd/State St Intersection.

Mr. Vanderwerff stated that Winnebago County Highway Department is funded by both property taxes and Motor Fuel Taxes (MFT). MFT Funding is currently at 19cents a gallon and has not increased since 1989-almost 30 years ago. MFT Revenue has two on-going issues:

- First, we are collecting less revenue, trending to some stability-however;
- Second, inflation is reducing the effectiveness of our revenue stream;
- Based upon a 2014 IACE Unit Cost Study, we have lost 60% of our purchasing power in 2014 compared to 2000.

- ii. **Boone County Highway Department** - Mr. Justin Krohn stated he joined Boone County Highway Department two (2) years ago as the County Engineer. Mr. Krohn stated that as an Engineer we like to see equations and see things balanced in our revenue, expenses and our needs and it's become apparent to him that we cannot balance those on a local level. Mr. Krohn would like to look at the MFT to be looked at a State level and how it's not providing the necessary dollars to maintain the current infrastructure much less any possible new projects. Mr. Krohn stated Bonne County has 65 bridges federally monitored and the average age of the bridges is 41 years old. Currently 37% have exceeded its design life. There will be several bridges that will be closed until funding is available to get them fixed. Mr. Krohn reiterated Mr. Vanderwerff's concerns regarding the funding shortfall that most County Highway Department are experiencing and the need to look at updating the MFT formula.
- iii. **Ogle County Highway Department** - Mr. Jeremy Ciesiel, Ogle County Highway Engineer stated that this isn't a specific County issue that this was a statewide issue when it comes to funding the County Highways. Ogle County is experiencing the same funding shortfall regarding their infrastructure. Ogle County has implemented an extensive preservation plan to try and get the pavements to last as long as possible. Ogle County used to resurface roads every 14 years, now we're trying to financially meet it at every 26 years. Revenue has stayed flat and expenses have gone up through the roof. Mr. Ciesiel stated they used to try and replace 3-4 bridges a year out of 260 bridges in Ogle County and now their down to 1 a year. Ogle County is doing everything they can to maintain, maintain, maintain because replacement is not an option financially at this time. Mr. Ciesiel is in agreement with the other County Highway officials that this not a local issue but a statewide issue.
- iv. **Illinois Association of County Engineers** - Mr. Craig Fink, Tazewell County Engineer provided jurisdiction information regarding the public roads in Illinois:
 - Local Jurisdiction (Local Roads)
 - County Highways
 - Township/Road District Roads
 - Municipal Streets
 - State Jurisdiction (IDOT)
 - State Highways
 - US Highways
 - Interstates

Mr. Fink stated that highway user fees collected by the State has a portion returned to Roads:

- Motor Fuel Tax (MFT)
 - Paid at the Pump
- Motor Vehicle Revenue (MVR)
 - Paid at Secretary of State
 - ❖ Vehicle Registration
 - ❖ Driver's License
 - ❖ Certificates of Title

Mr. Fink stated that the most important point to be made is that Local Roads share directly in the revenue stream of MFT but they do NOT share directly in the MVR revenue stream. In other words, if the MFT revenue collected by the State increases, Local Roads share of that revenue automatically⁶ increases proportionally. If the MVR revenue collected by the State increases, Local Roads receive none of that increase.

Mr. Fink stated that we are watching our Local Road system, particularly the rural areas, slowly degrade back to conditions from an earlier time.

A brief discussion was held among members regarding County Highway Department needs and MFT funding.

B. 2019 Meeting Schedule

Mayor Chamberlain referred to the 2019 RIPC Board meeting schedule which was provided to members in their board packet. The 2019 RIPC Board meeting start time is at 1:30pm and the schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, February 28, 2019
- Thursday, April 25, 2019
- Thursday, June 27, 2019
- Thursday, August 29, 2019
- Thursday, October 31, 2019
- Thursday, December 19, 2019

C. Staff Reports

- i. **Environmental Committee** - Mr. Belle updated the RIPC Board on the Environmental Planning Committee's last meeting that was held on September 27, 2018. He briefly outlined the current projects that working groups are allocating their time to as the following: 1) Brownfields inventory update and possible action plan 2) Energy group is researching methods to get the information to the public and business owners about the new energy jobs act and how this could lower purchase and installation costs 3) Continued communication and discussions with Doug Scott for the purpose of obtaining funding to help support the Environmental Planning Committee's list of goals 4) Health groups is continuing to assist and work with all groups where needed.
- ii. **ICJIA Workgroup** - Ms. Halsted reported that the CJCC has recently received funding for a two-day workshop on Correctional Intervention on Best Practices which is provided by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute. Three months after this workshop there will be an End User Training on the Ohio Risk Assessment (ORAS) which will include some close coordination with Court Services, the Illinois Department of Corrections, local service providers and community members.

The Focused Deterrence program is exceeding expectations and they are coordinating a Holiday Dinner for their participants to get to know their local elected official and law enforcement officer. This is a voluntary event and the participants that have signed up are excited.

- iii. **Economic Development Planning** - Mr. Dunn stated that the MPO & WinGIS Policy Committee met earlier today. Performance Measures were adopted out of the MPO.

D. Executive Director's report

- i. **Policy Development Plan**

Mr. Dunn referred to the Policy & Procedure System that was included in member's board packets and provided a brief summary.

Mr. Dunn referred to the RIPC Statement of Activity for July-September, 2018 and provided a brief summary regarding the financial status of the RIPC since becoming its own fiscal agency only two months ago.

6. Action Items

A. Appointment of Authorized Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Agent

Mr. Dunn stated that RIPC is now an IMRF Employer and the employees are covered under the IMRF. Julia Halsted joined as the RIPC Deputy Director and we're naming her as the Authorized Representative of the organization that can speak to IMRF and vote on behalf of the organization on an IMRF matter.

Mayor Chamberlain entertained a motion to approve RIPC Board Resolution 2018-5, first motion was made the City of Rockford, second motion was made by Winnebago County. Motion carries, RIPC Board Resolution #2018-5 is unanimously approved (12-0).

B. Procurement Policy

Mr. Dunn referred to the RIPC Procurement Policy that was provided to members in their board packets. The purpose of the Procurement Policy is to establish the RIPC procurement standards for the acquisition of goods and services.

Mayor Chamberlain entertained a motion to approve RIPC Board Resolution 2018-6, first motion was made the Winnebago County, second motion was made by City of Rockford. Motion carries, RIPC Board Resolution #2018-6 is unanimously approved (12-0).

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Haney stated that since the 911 Study has come out, it's been a long drawn out discussion. Winnebago County and the Non-Rockford Municipalities are talking about a governance model and a pay model and the consensus goal is to have this wrapped up soon.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, RMTD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rockford Park District. Approved unanimously (12-0). The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.