



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 19, 2015
(Vito's Ristorante, 1620 N. Bell School Road, Rockford)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Scott Christiansen, Winnebago County; Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Lawrence J. Morrissey, City of Rockford; Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park; Mayor Darryl Lindberg, City of Loves Park; Chairman Bob Walberg, Boone County; Pastor Johnson, RMTD.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael P. Dunn, Jr.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Christiansen with a quorum present at 11:04 AM.

2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Mr. Dunn, Jr. started the meeting with communications on recent events at McHenry County legislative event in relation to the Amtrak Rail Initiative. Discussion occurred on what next steps might be, how to coordinate with previous 2009 State of Illinois capital bill commitment while prioritizing future funding for rail initiatives. Mayor Chamberlain raised concerns on current rail conditions and referenced signaling as a significant issue, also referencing the recent East Coast derailment.

3. PROGRESS REPORT:

None.

4. CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by the City of Belvidere to go into closed session for the purposes of setting a performance evaluation, seconded by the City of Rockford. Roll call vote carried unanimously 7-0 (Winnebago County – Aye, City of Belvidere – Aye, City of Loves Park – Aye, City of Rockford – Aye, Village of Machesney Park – Aye, Boone County – Aye, RMTD – Aye).

After discussion a motion was made by the City of Rockford to go back into open session, seconded by the City of Belvidere. Motion approved unanimously (7-0). No action was taken in closed session.

(Discussion occurred as a result of Closed session)

Policy Board Member comments occurred. Chairman Christiansen explained the evolution of EDDNI and the need for a regional back office to better facilitate work on Federal initiatives. Mayor Morrissey discussed the need to pursue a new regional model, e.g. COGS that has the highest chance in offering a collective impact.

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Mayor Chamberlain concurred, with the comment that there is no need to expand government, simply better utilize existing components. He further stated that we often fail due to too many meetings and too many concurrent efforts. He further stated that we need to stop hiring in-house, duplicating efforts between governments. Chairman Walberg offered his support and appreciation to everyone's effort. Mayor Bolin concurred.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, Boone County made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Approved unanimously (7-0). The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 P.M.