



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 15, 2016

(City of Loves Park, Council Chambers – 100 Heart Blvd., Loves Park)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Mike Chamberlain, City of Belvidere; Mayor Jerry Bolin, Village of Machesney Park; Chairman Frank Haney, Winnebago County; Mayor Darryl Lindberg, City of Loves Park; Chairman Karl Johnson, Boone County; Mayor Larry Morrissey, City of Rockford; Pastor Herbert Johnson, RMTD; Ms. Kris Tobin, IDOT District #2.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All present

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael P. Dunn, Jr., Christina Washington, Jon Paul Diipla, Marlana Dokken, Dana Northcott, Sydney Turner, Becky Gibas, Anna Ma, Michael Hren, Thomas Bona, Ben Rohr, Ivy Hood, RMAP; Dan Jacobson, City of Loves Park PW; Ken Terrinoni, Boone County; Wayne Vlk, Winnebago County Highway Department; Jay Graham, GrahamSpencer.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND REPRESENTATION: Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chamberlain with a quorum present at 2:03 PM.

2. COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:
None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2016 RMAP POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:
Motion to approve the November 17, 2016 RMAP Policy Committee meeting minutes was made by the City of Rockford seconded by the Village of Machesney Park. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

4. CHAIRMAN’S OPENING INTRODUCTION:
Mayor Chamberlain introduced the new two Chairmen. Chairman Frank Haney, of Winnebago County and Chairman Karl Johnson of Boone County.

5. BROWNFIELD COALITION GRANT:
Mr. Dunn referenced the RMAP Brownfields letter of support and asked the RMAP Policy Committee for their consensus to support the letter for the Brownfields grant application that Ms. Northcott is working on in conjunction with Fehr-Graham. RMAP Policy members gave their consensus.

6. RMAP/WINGIS/RAEDC QSP WEBSITE PRESENTATION:
Mr. Dunn stated that we are very proud of this project which was at the request of Chairman Christiansen last year. This website is something the RAEDC, Winnebago County and RMAP has wanted to create and is now being implemented.

Mr. Bona provided a brief overview and demonstration on how to use the content of the QSP Website. Mr. Dunn stated that the group that was targeted was site selectors who would find this website to be a useful and concise tool.

A brief Q&A took place among members regarding which brand would this website be marketed under. Mr. Dunn stated there is no cost for RMAP partners to list their sites on the website and extended an invitation to Boone County to list any site they might like to list on the website.

7. RPC BRANDING PRESENTATION:

Mr. Graham provided a brief overview of the process that has been undertaken in creating a name for this region as a Regional Planning Council.

Mayor Chamberlain asked for any comments.

Mayor Morrissey asked what was eliminated and what process was undertaken to eliminate those names.

A brief discussion took place among Policy members regarding the name of the RPC.

Mr. Dunn stated that the MPO itself will still be named RMAP. As an RPC organization the functionality has started but without the name/brand and its making it difficult to apply for grants due to non-profit contingency and one of the reasons for the urgency that a decision be made on the RPC name.

After a brief discussion there was a consensus among the RMAP Policy members to move forward with the Regionl Planning Council with the tag line still up in the air and can be discussed in the months to come.

First motion was made by the City of Loves Park; second motion was made by the Village of Machesney Park.

Mr. Dunn stated that he will move forward with filing the paperwork for the RPC to be named Regionl Planning Council.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Dunn stated that at the upcoming RMAP Policy Committee meeting in January-2017 he will provide the 2nd Quarter Financial update.

Mayor Chamberlain and Mr. Dunn attended the WinGIS Policy Committee meeting earlier where Mr. Dunn provided a presentation of the potential steps of the integration of RMAP and WinGIS. There was a consensus among the RMAP Policy Committee members to take those next steps and present that plan at a special meeting in January-2017.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the Village of Machesney Park made a motion to adjourn, seconded by the IDOT District #2. Approved unanimously (8-0). The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 P.M.