

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
MARCH 13, 2025**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Board Member M. Thompson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Chiarelli recognized the passing of Sheriff Richard Meyers with a moment of silence.

3. Agenda Announcements: None

4. Roll Call: 18 Present. 2 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, Fellars, Goal, Hanserd, Hoffman, Lindmark, McCarthy, Nabors, Salgado, Scrol, Sweeney, Tassoni, M. Thompson, R. Thompson, Valdez, and Webster. (Board Members McDonald and Penney were absent.)

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to allow remote access. Board Member M. Thompson made a motion to allow remote access for Board Member Penney, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McDonald and Penney were absent.)

Board Member Penney joined at 6: 02 p.m.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, and PROCLAMATIONS

5. Awards - Sheriff Caruana presented Officers Carlos Arellano, Mark Nelson, Nickolas Hitterman and Haley Ciaccio with awards.

Presentations- Trustee Program update with Eric Setter and Michael Dunn Jr. from Region 1 Planning. Discussion by Board Members Arena, Penney, Fellars, and Hanserd.

Public Hearings - None

Public Participation - Nancy Edwardsen, Winnebago County Animal Services, Con

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member M. Thompson made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of February 13, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of February 27, 2025, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for March 13, 2025. Board Member Booker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Salgado. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

Board Member Fellars made a motion to take a ten-minute recess, seconded by Board Member Scrol. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.) Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to return to open session. Board Member Valdez made a motion to reconvene, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

APPOINTMENTS

8. **Appointments (Per County Board rules, Board Chairman Appointments shall lay over until the second board meeting after they are first introduced)**

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Settlement of a Claim Against the County of Winnebago Entitled Cesar Chavez versus Winnebago County, seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

10. No Report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Electing to Opt-In to the Illinois Electronics Recycling Program for Program Year 2026, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
12. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Allocating Host Fee Funds to the Rockford Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Authority D/B/A the Rockford Area Venues and Entertainment Authority (RAVE) for Capital Improvement Projects and Infrastructure at the BMO Center, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Discussion by Board Member Sweeney. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to amend the Resolution, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Discussion by Gretchen Gilmore of the BMO and Board Member Fellars, Sweeney, and Webster. Board Member Webster made a motion to send the Resolution

back to Committee. Board Member Sweeney called for a point of order. Board Member Sweeney called the question on his motion to amend. Motion to approve the amendment was approved by a roll call vote of 11 yes and 8 no votes. (Board Members Booker, Butitta, Fellars, Salgado, Tassoni, M. Thompson, Valdez, and Webster voted no.) (Board Member McDonald was absent.) Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve the amended Resolution, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Board Member Webster made a motion to send the Resolution back to Committee, seconded by Board Member M. Thompson. Discussion by Chairman Chiarelli, Chief of the Civil Bureau Vaughn, and Board Members Valdez, Arena, Fellars, M. Thompson, Goral, Webster, Butitta, Booker, Penney, and Sweeney. Board Member Scrol made a motion to call the question, seconded by Board Member Salgado. Motion to call the question was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.) Motion to send back to Committee failed by a roll call vote of 10 no and 9 yes votes. (Board Members Fellars, Hanserd, Hoffman, McCarthy, Nabors, Penney, Salgado, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez voted no.) (Board Member McDonald was absent.) Discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Vaughn and Board Members Sweeney, and Arena. Board Member Arena made a motion to amend the Resolution, seconded by Board Member Butitta. Further discussion by Gretchen Gilmore of the BMO and Board Members Arena, Sweeney, Arena, and Valdez. Motion to amend failed by a roll call vote of 10 no and 9 yes votes. (Board Members Fellars, Hanserd, Hoffman, McCarthy, Nabors, Penney, Salgado, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez voted no.) (Board Member McDonald was absent.) Discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Vaughn. Board Member Butitta made a motion to amend, seconded by Board Member Tassoni. Discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Vaughn and Board Members Butitta, Fellars, Valdez, Arena, Scrol, Sweeney, Goral, Penney, and McCarthy. Motion to amend failed by a roll call vote of 10 no and 9 yes votes. (Board Members Fellars, Hanserd, Hoffman, McCarthy, Nabors, Penney, Salgado, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez voted no.) (Board Member McDonald was absent.) Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve the amended Resolution, seconded by Board Member Fellars. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of 12 yes and 7 no votes. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, Lindmark, Tassoni, M. Thompson, and Webster voted no.) (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

13. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Countywide Camera Project Additional Hardware -Using CIP 2025 Funds, seconded by Board Member Salgado. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
14. Board member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for information Technology Support Services with Rockford Housing Authority, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
15. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding PC Obsolescence Project Using CIP 2025 Funds, seconded by Board Member Salgado. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
16. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Cybersecurity Managed Detection and Response Using CIP 2025 Funds, seconded by Board Member Valdez.

Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

17. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Uninterrupted Power Supplies Using CIP 2025 Funds, seconded by Board Member Salgado. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)
18. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Granting a Temporary Construction Easement from Property at 650 W. State St. in the City of Rockford to the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for Road Construction Purposes, seconded by Board Member Salgado. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

19. Board Member Tassoni announced a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

20. Board Member Lindmark announced a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2025/

LEGISLATIVE AND LOBBYING COMMITTEE

21. No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

22. **Appointment read in on February 13, 2025**

Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Appointment (as listed below), seconded by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

A. River Bluff Board of Directors, Annual Compensation: None

1. Lowell Ingram (New Reappointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to fill the remainder of a 4-year term (Trent Brass) expiring January 2027

Finance Committee

- A. Board Member Butitta made a motion to send back to Committee an Ordinance for Approval of Budget for Various Health Department Grant Awards Laid Over from February 27, 2025 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Arena. Discussion by County Administrator Thompson and Board Members Butitta, Salgado, and Goral. Motion to send back to Committee was approved by a roll call vote of 13 yes and 6 no votes. (Board Members Goral,

Hanserd, Hoffman, Nabors, Salgado, and Scrol voted no.) (Board Member McDonald was absent.)

NEW BUSINESS

23. **(Per County Board rules, passage will require a suspension of Board rules).**

Board Member Salgado requested Board Member Sweeney, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee to review host fee policies and make changes as needed. Discussion by Board member Sweeney and Webster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

24. County Clerk Gummow submitted the Items Listed Below as Correspondence which were "Placed on File" by Chairman Chiarelli:

- A. County Clerk Gummow submitted from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission the following:
- a. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 36/Tuesday, February 25, 2025/Notices
 - b. Byron Station-Commercial Grade Dedication Report 05000454/2025010 and 05000455/2025010
- B. County Clerk Gummow received from Charter Communications Quarterly Franchise Fee Payment for the following
- a. Harlem, IL, Township of (Winnebago Co.)
 - b. Town of Rockton, IL
 - c. Town of Roscoe, IL

County Clerk Gummow announced Monday, March 17th is the first day of early voting in Winnebago County for the April 1st consolidated election.

ADJOURNMENT

25. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Fellars moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Member McDonald was absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow
County Clerk

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