

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD  
JUNE 26, 2025**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Goral gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements: None
4. Roll Call: 15 Present. 4 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, Goral, Hanserd, Hoffman, Lindmark, McDonald, Nabors, Penney, Tassoni, M. Thompson, R. Thompson, Valdez, and Webster. (Board Members Fellars, McCarthy, Scrol, and Sweeney were absent.)

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

Board Member Fellars joined remotely at 6:04 p.m.

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

5. Awards - None

Presentations- Terry Giardini and Jason Holcomb, Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board Grant and Budget Updates. Discussion by Board Members Butitta, Hanserd, R. Thompson, Penney, Arena, and Goral.

Public Hearings - None

Public Participation - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Hoffman made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of May 22, 2025 and layover County Board Minutes of June 12, 2025, seconded by Board Member M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, and Sweeney were absent.)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for June 26, 2025. Board Member Valdez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member Lindmark. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, and Sweeney were absent.)

### **APPOINTMENTS**

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

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Freddy De La Trinidad (as listed below). Board Member Hanserd made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Arena. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, and Sweeney were absent.) Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Board Member Arena. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of 14 yes votes. Board Members Hoffman and Penney abstained. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, and Sweeney were absent.)

#### **A. Freddy De La Trinidad, Winnebago County Board District 12**

Board Member Valdez departed at 6:50 p.m.

### **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

9. Board Member Butitta gave a brief update on the Northern Illinois Land Bank. Discussion by Chairman Chiarelli.

#### **ZONING COMMITTEE**

10. Board Member Webster read in for the first reading of agenda items 1., 2., and 3. (as listed below). Board Member Webster made a motion to suspend the rules on all three agenda items, seconded by Board Member Goral. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.) Board Member Webster made a motion to approve all three agenda items, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)

1. V-01-25 A variation to allow a front yard building setback of 18 feet instead of the required established building setback of 60 feet per section 4.11 (for the purpose of rebuilding and repairing a single-family residence) in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the property that is commonly known as 3279 Roscoe Road, Rockton, IL 61072 in Rockton Township, District 2 (with conditions)

2. SU-04-25 A special use permit for a wedding and/or reception facility in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the property commonly known as 6616 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Rockford, IL 61109 in Cherry Valley Township, District 11 (with conditions)
3. Ordinance Granting Site Approval for a 5 MW Commercial Solar Energy Facility (aka a Solar Farm) on a 39.98 +/- Acre Site Commonly known as 13758 Saunders Road (Part of PIN: 09-26-100-003), Pecatonica, IL 61063, in Pecatonica Township, District 1.

Board Member Webster announced the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025 and the Zoning Committee will meet Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

11. No Report.

### **OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

12. No Report.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

13. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-036) Resolution Declaring Some Highway Department Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing Sale, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)
14. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-037) Resolution Authorizing an Award of Bid for Perryville Road Drainage Improvements (Section 25-00738-00-DR), seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)
15. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-038) Resolution Authorizing an Award of Bid for Bridge Deck Surface Coating at Various Locations (Section 25-00743-00-BR), seconded by Board Member Hanserd. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)
16. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-039) Resolution Authorizing an Award of Bid for Pecatonica Road and Swanson Road Pipe Culvert Replacements (Section 25-00742-00-DR), seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)
17. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-040) Resolution Authorizing a Modification to the Phase II Engineering Agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC, dated

March 29, 2024, for Improvements on E. Riverside Boulevard (Section 21-00624-00-RS), seconded by Board Member M. Thompson. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)

18. Board Member Tassoni made a motion to approve (25-041) Resolution Authorizing an Award of Bid for Mill Road Resurfacing, seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Board Member Tassoni. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

19. Board Member Lindmark made a motion to approve a Resolution Condemning Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker's Statements Regarding Republicans in a New Hampshire Speech, seconded by Board Member Booker. Discussion by Chief of the Civil Bureau Reuter and Board Members Booker, M. Thompson, Hoffman, Goral, Nabors, Fellars, and Arena. Board Member Arena called the question, seconded by Board Member Booker. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.) Motion to approve the Resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 9 yes and 7 no votes. (Board Members De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hanserd, Hoffman, Nabors, and Tassoni voted no.) (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)

### **LEGISLATIVE AND LOBBYING COMMITTEE**

20. No Report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

21. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve Appointments A. thru F. (as listed below). Board Member Booker made a motion to approve Appointments A. thru F., seconded by Board Member M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)

#### **Appointments read in on May 22, 2025**

##### **A. Zoning Board of Appeals, Annual Compensation: \$2,400**

1. Tami Verstraete (Reappointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2030
2. Tom Walsh (Reappointment), Durand, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2030

##### **B. Board of Review, Annual Compensation: Chair: \$37,249.94, Member: \$31,430.62**

1. Pamela Cunningham – Chair (Reappointment), Winnebago, Illinois, to serve a 2-year term expiring May 2027

2. Jay Dowthard (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 2-year term expiring May 2027

**C. Durand Sanitary District, Annual Compensation: \$500**

1. David Bliss (Reappointment), Durand, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2028

**D. Cherry Valley Cemetery Association, Annual Compensation: None**

1. Donna Riha (Reappointment), Cherry Valley, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2031

**E. Harlem Cemetery Association, Annual Compensation: None**

1. Ray C. Rogers (Reappointment), Loves Park, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2031
2. Thomas L. Taylor (Reappointment), Roscoe, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2031
3. Terry Johnson (Reappointment), Loves Park, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2031

**F. Seward Sanitary District, Annual Compensation: None**

1. Dennis Hille (Reappointment), Seward, Illinois, to serve a 3-year appointment expiring May 2028

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION**

23. 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. 110/Tuesday, June 10, 2025/Notices
  - b. Federal Register/Vol. 90, No. 107/Thursday, June 5, 2025/Notices

Board Member Tassoni spoke of a Radio Association event on Saturday.

County Administrator Thompson spoke of a GoRockford Board meeting and wanted to thank the County for their participation regarding the Iron Man competition.

Board Member Fellars made a correction to a previous comment regarding the Resolution about Governor Pritzker's speech.

Chairman Chiarelli thanked all for their condolences regarding the loss of his mother.

Board Member Webster invited the Board to Freedom Fest in Shirland Illinois on Saturday.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

24. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Webster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members McCarthy, Scrol, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow

County Clerk

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