

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
APRIL 9, 2026**

1. Chairman Pro Tem Arena Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Booker gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements: None
4. Roll Call: 14 Present. 5 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Booker, Butitta, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hanserd, Hoffman, McCarthy, Penney, Scrol, Tassoni, Dr. M. Thompson, and Webster. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, R. Thompson, and Valdez were absent.)

Chairman Pro Tem Arena entertained a motion to allow remote access. Board Member Penney made a motion to allow remote access for Board Member R. Thompson, seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, R. Thompson, and Valdez were absent)

Board Member R. Thompson joined remotely at 6:04 p.m.

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

5. Awards- None
- Presentations- None
- Public Hearings - None
- Public Participation - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Pro Tem Arena entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Hoffman made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of March 12, 2026 and layover County Board Minutes of March 26, 2026, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Pro Tem Arena entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for April 12, 2026. Board Member Penney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the

Raffle Report and Auditor's Report, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez 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)**

Board Member Penney read in for the first reading of Agenda Items A. thru. C.

A. Durand Sanitary District, Annual Compensation: \$500

1. David Waller (Reappointment), Durand, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2029

B. Hulse Cemetery Association, Annual Compensation: None

1. Karen Donoho (Reappointment), Davis Junction, Illinois, to serve 6-year term expiring May 2032
2. Thomas Doherty (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 6-year term expiring May 2032

C. Northwest Fire Protection District, Annual Compensation: \$1,000

1. Greg Gill (Reappointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2028
2. Charles Barnes (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 3-year term expiring May 2029

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. No Report.

ZONING COMMITTEE

10. Please see under Unfinished Business.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

11. Board Member Fellars announced the Economic Development Committee will meet Monday, April 13, 2026.

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

12. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding Purchase of Network and Infrastructure Equipment for Public Safety Building Using Owner-Direct Funds, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)
13. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Awarding purchase of an Asset Tractor Weapon Locker Storage System for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Using CIP 2026 Funds, seconded by Board Member Hoffman. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)
14. Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve a Resolution Declaring Vacancy in Winnebago County Board District 6, seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

15. Board Member Tassoni announced the Public Works Committee will meet Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

16. No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. **Zoning Committee**

1. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve an Ordinance Granting Site Approval for a 10 MW Commercial Solar Energy Facility (aka a Solar Farm) on a 140.43 +/- Acre Site Commonly known as 8114 Spring Creek Road (PINS: 12-11-226-001 & 12-12-101-003), Rockford, IL 61114 in Rockford Township, District 8, ZBA: Denial (3-4), ZC: Approval (3-2), LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NO, Laid Over from March 26, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of 9 yes and 6 no votes. (Board Members Booker, Butitta, McCarthy, Dr. M. Thompson, R. Thompson, and Webster voted no.) (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)
2. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve SU-01-26 A Special Use Permit for a Shooting Range / Club (Amendment of current SUP) in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the property that is commonly known as 3660 Harrison Road, Rockford, IL 61101 in Burritt Township, District 1, ZBA: Approval w/ZBA conditions (7-0), ZC: Approval w/ZC

conditions (5-0), LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA, Laid Over from March 26, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member McCarthy. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.) Discussion by Board Members Board Member Penney and Webster.

3. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve V-02-26 A Variation of Section 23.8.4 to Waive the Off-Street Parking Surfacing Requirements to enable Parking on a Grass Surface for the property that is commonly known as 3660 Harrison Road, Rockford, IL 61101 in Burritt Township, District 1, ZBA: Approval w/conditions (7-0), ZC: Approval w/conditions (5-0), LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA, Laid Over from March 26, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)
4. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve V-03-26 A Variation of Section 23.8.5 to Waive the Off-Street Parking Striping Requirements for the property that is commonly known as 3660 Harrison Road, Rockford, IL 61101 in Burritt Township, District 1, ZBA: Approval w/conditions (7-0), ZC: Approval w/conditions (5-0), LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA, Laid Over from March 26, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)
5. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve V-04-26 A Variation of Section 7.7.1, Table 7.2, AG District, to Allow a Minimum of 50 Feet of Lot Frontage / Width on a Public Road / Building Setback Line instead of the Required 250 Feet for the property that is commonly known as 3660 Harrison Road, Rockford, IL 61101 in Burritt Township, District 1, ZBA: Approval w/conditions (7-0), ZC: Approval w/conditions (5-0), LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA, Laid Over from March 26, 2026 Meeting, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.)
6. Committee Report – ZBA meeting 04/14/26, ZC meeting 04/22/26

NEW BUSINESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

19. 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. Acceptance of Constellation License Amendment RE: TSTF-585 (EPID L-2026-LLA-0033)
 - b. Federal Register/Vol. 91, No. 56/Tuesday, March 24, 2026/Notices

Board Member Penney complimented Chairman Pro Tem Arena on the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

20. Chairman Pro Tem Arena entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Webster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Dr. M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Lindmark, Nabors, Sweeney, and Valdez were absent.) Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Gummow

County Clerk

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