

**REGULAR ADJOURNED MEETING
WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD
JUNE 11, 2026**

1. Chairman Chiarelli Called to Order the Regular Adjourned Meeting of the Winnebago County Board for Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Board Member Gabel gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Agenda Announcements: None
4. Roll Call: 13 Present. 7 Absent. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, Fellars, Gabel, Hanserd, Nabors, Penney, Sweeney, Tassoni, Dr. M. Thompson, R. Thompson, Valdez, and Webster. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, Lindmark, McCarthy, and Scrol were absent.)

Chairman Chiarelli announced the passing of former Board Member Redd's husband Curtis Redd and asked for a moment of silence.

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

5. Awards- None

Presentations- None

Public Hearings - None

Public Participation - Kari Humphrey, TIF District S. Rockford/Data Center, Con

Jim Accurso, Disaster Loan Program/Winnebago County residents to be eligible, Pro

Patti Bremer, Data Center/Water Rights, Con. Discussion by Board Members Webster and Penney and Chairman Chiarelli.

Board Member Lindmark arrived at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve County Board Minutes of May 14, 2026, seconded by Board Member R. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, Lindmark, McCarthy, and Scrol were absent.)

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for June 11, 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 Dr. m. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, Lindmark, McCarthy, and Scrol 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 Hanserd made a motion to suspend the rules on Reappointments the (as listed below), seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Motion to suspend the rules was approved by a roll call vote of 8 yes and 6 no votes. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, Gabel, Lindmark, R. Thompson, and Webster voted no.) (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, and Scrol were absent.) Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve the Reappointments (as listed below), seconded by Board Member Sweeney. Discussion by Board Members Valdez and Arena, Sweeney, Butitta, Penney and Nabors. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of 9 yes and 5 no votes. (Board Members Arena, Butitta, Gabel, Lindmark, and Webster voted no.) (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, and Scrol were absent.)

A. Winnebago County Mental Health Board: Annual Compensation: None

1. Mary Ann Abate (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 4-year term expiring January 2028
2. Tim Nabors (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 4-year term expiring January 2030
3. Richard Kunnert (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 4-year term expiring January 2030
4. Dr. Terry Giardini (Reappointment), Caledonia, Illinois, to service a 4-year term expiring January 2027
5. Dr. Bill Gorski (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 4-year term expiring January 2030
6. Rev. Dr. K. Edward Copeland (Reappointment), Rockford, Illinois, to serve a 4-year term expiring January 2028
7. Mohammad Yunus (Reappointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to serve a 4-year term expiring January 2028

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for America 250 Celebration Awards to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, and Scrol were absent.) Board Member Butitta moved to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Valdez. Discussion by Board Member Butitta. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, and Scrol were absent.)
10. Board Member Butitta read in for the first reading of an Ordinance for a Budget Amendment for Settlement of Labor Grievances filed by AFSCME Local 473 with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to be Laid Over. Board Member Butitta made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion to suspend was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, and Scrol were absent.) Board Member Butitta made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, and Scrol were absent.)

ZONING COMMITTEE

11. Please see under Unfinished Business.

County Board members Fellars and Valdez departed after this committee's report at 6:50 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

12. Board Member Sweeney made a motion to approve a Resolution Granting Authority to the Winnebago County Board to Execute the Documents Necessary to Complete a Loan for \$50,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to Halal Foods America, Inc. Doing Business as International Halal Market, seconded by Board Member Nabors. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, Scrol, and Valdez were absent.)

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

13. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute a Contract for Transportation Services by and between the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Reagan Mass Transit District for FY-2027, seconded by Board Member Nabors. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, Scrol, and Valdez were absent.)
14. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Winnebago County Board Chairman to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding for Rural Winnebago County Public Transportation (Program Compliance Oversight Monitor-PCOM) by and between

the County of Winnebago, Illinois and Reagan Mass Transit District for FY-2027, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, Scrol, and Valdez were absent.)

15. Board Member Arena made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Countywide Elevator Maintenance Contract, seconded by Board Member Penney. Discussion by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, Scrol, and Valdez were absent.)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

16. Board Member Tassoni announced the next Public Works Committee is scheduled for next Tuesday at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

17. Board Member Lindmark announced the next Public Safety and Judiciary Committee will meet Monday, June 15th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. **Appointments read in on May 14, 2026**

Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to approve the Appointments A. & B. (as listed below). Board Member Hanserd made a motion to approve the Appointments, seconded by Dr. M. Thompson. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, Scrol, and Valdez were absent.)

A. North Park Public Water District: Annual Compensation: \$1,200

1. Keli Freedlund (Reappointment), Rockton, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2031
2. Josh Aurand (Reappointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2031
3. Brett Hruby (Reappointment), Rockton, Illinois, to serve a 5-year term expiring May 2031

B. North Park Fire Protection District: Annual Compensation: \$1,500

1. Tim Gentry (New Appointment), Machesney Park, Illinois, to serve the remainder of a 3-year term (Craig Larson) expiring November 2028

Zoning Committee

1. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve SU-02-26 A Special Use Permit for a Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System in the Front Yard (that is Proposed at 7 Feet 6 Inches, Exceeding the Maximum Height of 3 Feet) in the AG, Agricultural Priority District for the property that is commonly known as 5307 N. Main Street, Rockford, IL 61103 in Owen Township, Laid Over from May 28, 2026 Meeting, ZBA: Approval w/Conditions (6-1), ZC: Approval w/Conditions (7-0), LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NA, seconded by Board Member Penney. Motion was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, and Scrol were absent.)
2. Board Member Webster made a motion to approve an Ordinance Granting Site Approval for a 5 MW Commercial Solar Energy Facility (aka a Solar Farm) on a 27.58 +/- Acre Site Commonly Known as 6141 Kilburn Avenue (PIN: 07-31-426-013), Rockford, IL 61101 in Owen Township, District 5, Laid Over from May 28, 2026 Meeting, ZBA: Denial (0-7), ZC: Denial (0-7), LESA: NA, LRMP 2030 Map: NO, seconded by Board Member Tassoni. Discussion by Board Members Tassoni and Arena. Motion failed by a roll call vote of 14 no votes. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, and Scrol were absent.)

NEW BUSINESS

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

Board Member Lindmark would like more transparency regarding the Mental Health Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATION

20. Supervisor Klein submitted the Items Listed Below as Correspondence which were “Placed on File” by Chairman Chiarelli:
 - A. Supervisor Klein received a Monthly Report from the Winnebago County Clerk and Winnebago County Recorder’s Office for May, 2026.

Chairman Chiarelli spoke of a trip to Tulsa Oklahoma for the National Association of Regional Councils and announced he is a Board of Director for the board. Discussion by Board Member Sweeney.

ADJOURNMENT

21. Chairman Chiarelli entertained a motion to adjourn. County Board Member Dr. M. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Webster. Motion was approved by a voice vote. (Board Members Booker, De La Trinidad, Fellars, Goral, Hoffman, McCarthy, Scrol, and Valdez were absent.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Klein', with a stylized, flowing script.

Tim Klein
Supervisor
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