

**Winnebago County Board
Economic Development Committee**

County Administration Building
404 Elm Street
Room 303
Rockford, IL 61101

MINUTES of
Monday, August 04, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Members Present:

John Sweeney, Chair
Tim Nabors, Vice Chair
Brad Lindmark
John Penney (via Zoom)
Ray Thompson

Other Present:

Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer, Winnebago County

Absent:

Freddy De La Trinidad
Angela Fellars

AGENDA:

A. Call to Order

Chairman John Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

B. Roll Call

A roll call was taken of all members present. Chairman John Sweeney, Tim Nabors, Brad Lindmark, and Ray Thompson.

A quorum is present.

Chairman John Sweeney called for a motion to include John Penney in the meeting via Zoom. Motion was made by Brad Lindmark and seconded by Ray Thompson and Tim Nabors.

MOTION APPROVED (4-0). Aye votes were: Chairman John Sweeney, Tim Nabors, Brad Lindmark, and Ray Thompson.

John Penney was welcomed to the committee meeting.

C. Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of **June 2, 2025**, Economic Development Committee by Tim Nabors and seconded by Brad Lindmark. Chairman John Sweeney called for any discussion.

MOTION APPROVED (5-0). Aye votes were: Chairman John Sweeney, Tim Nabors, Brad Lindmark, John Penney, and Ray Thompson.

D. Public Comment

Chairman John Sweeney noted for the record that no members of the public were present to speak during the public comment section; therefore, the public comments will not be read.

E. Resolution Granting Authority To The Winnebago County Board Chairman To Execute The Documents Necessary To Complete A Loan For \$50,000 From The Revolving Loan Fund To Rockford Machined Products LLC (RMP)

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Brad Lindmark and seconded by Tim Nabors.

Discussion followed by Chris Dornbush, Brad Lindmark, and Ray Thompson.

Motion APPROVED (5-0). Aye votes were: Chairman John Sweeney, Tim Nabors, Brad Lindmark, John Penney, and Ray Thompson.

F. Other Matters

- Chairman John Sweeney reported that the Chairman's Office gave a directive to the Community Development Department to streamline permitting processes. Chairman John Sweeney will contact Community Development to request monthly reports on permits and backlogs, ensuring that the Economic Development Committee provides oversight. Discussion followed by Tim Nabors, Ray Thompson, John Penney, and Brad Lindmark.
- Next Economic Development meeting scheduled for August 25, 2025. Items include:
 - 2025 Stroll on State submitted a request for Host Fees. Mr. John Penney proposes a funding increase to \$10,000 to be considered in future discussions.
 - Region 1 Planning will present the 2026-2030 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Presentation to request a Resolution for support for grant funding.

G. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting by Ray Thompson, seconded by Brad Lindmark and Tim Nabors.

MOTION APPROVED (5-0). to adjourn at 5:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant