

**Winnebago County Board
Economic Development Committee**

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

MINUTES of
Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Members Present:

John Sweeney, Chair
Tim Nabors, Vice Chair
Freddy De La Trinidad
Angela Fellars

Absent:

Brad Lindmark
John Penney
Ray Thompson

Other Present:

Chris Dornbush, Chief Operations Officer, Winnebago County
Kevin McCarthy, County Board Member
Joseph Chiarelli, County Board Chairman
Mark Goode, Venture One
Eric Canada, Synchronist Lab, Rockford Manufacturing Collective
Derek Sherman, Synchronist Lab, Rockford Manufacturing Collective

AGENDA:

A. Call to Order

Chairman John Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

B. Roll Call

A roll call was taken of all members present. Chairman John Sweeney, Tim Nabors, Freddy De La Trinidad, and Angela Fellars.

A quorum is present.

C. Approval of Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE the minutes of **February 17, 2026**, Economic Development Committee by Tim Nabors, and seconded by Angela Fellars. Chairman John Sweeney called for any discussion.

MOTION APPROVED (4-0). Aye votes were: Chairman John Sweeney, Tim Nabors, Freddy De La Trinidad, and Angela Fellars.

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 Authorizing The Chairman Of The County Board To Executive A Redevelopment Agreement By And Between The County Of Winnebago, Illinois And Rock 39, LLC For Project Lilac

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Angela Fellars and seconded by Freddy De La Trinidad.

Discussion followed by Chris Dornbush, Mark Goode, Angela Fellars, Chairman John Sweeney, Kevin McCarthy, and County Board Chairman Joseph Chiarelli.

Motion APPROVED (4-0). Aye votes were: Chairman John Sweeney, Tim Nabors, Freddy De La Trinidad, and Angela Fellars.

F. Resolution Granting Authority To The Winnebago County Board Chairman To Execute The Documents Necessary To Complete A Loan For \$65,000 From The Revolving Loan Fund To The COLINKURTIS, LTD (COLIN)

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Freddy De La Trinidad and seconded by Tim Nabors.

Discussion followed by Chris Dornbush.

Motion APPROVED (4-0). Aye votes were: Chairman John Sweeney, Tim Nabors, Freddy De La Trinidad, and Angela Fellars.

G. Discussion regarding Synchronist Lab

Eric Canada from Synchronist Lab, as part of the Rockford Manufacturing Collective, shared a handout with the committee and gave a presentation on the collective manufacturing network.

Discussion followed by Angela Fellars, Chairman John Sweeney, Derek Sherman, Chris Dornbush, and Tim Nabors.

H. Other Matters

None reported.

I. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting by Angela Fellars, seconded by Freddy De La Trinidad, and Tim Nabors.

MOTION APPROVED (4-0) to adjourn the committee meeting at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bleile
Executive Assistant