



Winnebago County Geographic Information System

127 N. Wyman St.
Thursday, February 2, 2026
09:15 a.m.

Present by Roll Call:

Jack Armstrong, Rockford Park District
Izzy Mandujano, Village of Machesney Park
Todd Hughes, City of Rockford
Chris Baer, Four Rivers Sanitation Authority
Chris Dornbush, Winnebago County
Tara DeRosa, North Park Public Water District

Others Present:

Steven Gregg
Sarah Stromberg
Michael Dunn Jr.

ABSENT

Village of Cherry Valley, City of Loves Park

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 09:16 AM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2025 meeting by **Winnebago County**; Second by **Four Rivers Sanitation Authority**; **Minutes were approved by a vote of 5:0:3 (Rockford Park District arrived after the motion/vote)**

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ACTION ITEMS

a) **Winnebago County Forest Preserve**

Representatives from the Winnebago County Forest Preserve reached out to WinGIS expressing an interest in becoming members. In light of that, and to expedite the process, the WinGIS Technical Committee recommended and voted to preemptively approve the Winnebago County Forest Preserve as a 1% member should they decide to proceed. **A motion to approve the membership is made by Winnebago County. Second by North Park Water. The motion passes by a vote of 5:0:3.**

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

a) **Technical Committee Updates**

Mr. Gregg informs the committee that software upgrades have been completed, bringing the Esri

Enterprise software up to version 11.5. With that, web site updates/upgrades will be taking place in the next several weeks. As in the past training will be offered to member agencies when the updated applications are completed. Mr. Gregg also points out the progress of Sam Knaup who has been working with Sarah to update the various 911 data sets.

b) Staffing Update

Mr. Gregg informs the committee that the R1 has hired a GIS Specialist named Nammratha Palli. She will be managed by WinGIS, but she will serve as a GIS resource for the agency at large.

c) FY27 Budget Draft

Mr. Gregg presents a budget draft for fiscal year 2027. Once numbers are more definitive the spread sheet will be updated and distributed. Mr. Gregg goes on to explain some of the increases in this year's budget can be attributed to a WinGIS having an additional employee, Esri licenses increasing in price as well as some additional IT costs due to using a third party for email (Winnebago County IT no longer provides this service). It is also noted that though WinGIS will have 4 full time employees billing to its budget in 27, Mr. Gregg bills a portion of his salary to the R1 as he has several non-WinGIS related IT duties.

A final vote will be held at the May meeting. The May meeting data has been updated to meet one week prior to the Governing Board, allowing WinGIS Policy to vote on the budget before the Governing Board votes on the R1 agency budget as a whole.

OTHER MATTERS

Michael Dunn Jr. reports to the committee that while attending a recent conference the topic of regionalizing GIS departments was brought up. The WinGIS model serves as a great example of that and a couple of City/County GIS agencies expressed an interest in scheduling a visit to the R1 to see the agency, specifically WinGIS, manages a regional approach to GIS.

Jack Armstrong inquires as to whether or not the agency is performing and update to the Greenways plan. Mr. Gregg defers to the MPO as that is an MPO project, not specifically WinGIS.

Mr. Gregg also reports to the committee that since WinGIS has an established, and ongoing, relationship with our aerial imagery provider (they currently host our aerial images in the cloud) we will not be required to go out to RFP for next year's flight. Mr. Dunn inquires about including contours as an option. Sarah Stromberg (WinGIS) is able to generate contours from the lidar data, saving the agency that cost.

NEXT MEETING

The next WinGIS Policy Committee Meeting will be Thursday February 5th, 2026 at 9:15 am located at the office of the Regional 1 Planning Council/127 N Wyman St/Rockford IL 61101

The next WinGIS Technical Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, November 20th, 2025 at 9:00 am located at the office of the Regional 1 Planning Council/127 N Wyman St/Rockford IL 61101

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by **North Park Water**; Second by **Four Rivers Sanitation Authority**.

Respectfully submitted,

WinGIS