



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

456 Fulton St. Suite 401

Peoria, IL 61602

### CHUCK NAGEL, CHAIRMAN

(Danny Phelan, John Kahl, Greg Menold, Camille Coates, Russ Crawford, Patrick Urich, Autum Jones)

*Monday, November 17, 2025 9:00 a.m.*

### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Chuck Nagel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Chuck Nagel, Greg Menold, Camille Coates, Russ Crawford, John Kahl.

Absent: Danny Phelan, Autum Jones, Patrick Urich

Also present were Eric Miller, Ray Lees, Michael Bruner, and Lori Reynolds from TCRPC.

3. **Public Input**

None.

4. **Motion to approve October 20, 2025 minutes**

Greg Menold motioned to approve the October 20, 2025 minutes, and John Kahl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **Executive Director report**

Eric Miller reported that staff attended the IDOT conference in Moline and learned that FY27 will be the last year MPOs will be receiving the provisional funding, so they are planning for that in the budget.

The four-year federal certification is coming up, so staff are making sure everything is complete and easily accessible on the website.

Eric attended the ILARC Board of Directors meeting last week in Springfield. A topic of discussion was Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Kelly Lockhart has developed a sample ordinance to share with municipalities. Counties will need to go through their special use process to locate the storage systems. There is little leverage to turn them down once they decide to locate somewhere unless there is a pre-annexation in place. Counties should be asking what is the decommissioning plan since they are an environmental liability. Property owners will be held harmless. The project has the backing of Labor.

Greg Menold expressed concern about there being a big safety component with this.

Camille Coates stated local first responders will need to be trained for related emergencies.

6. **Motion to Approve/Recommend to Commission, Executive Director Performance Evaluation Process (Resolution 26-25)**

Russ Crawford made a motion to approve and recommend to Commission, the Executive Director Performance Evaluation Process. John Kahl seconded the motion.

Eric Miller reported that in the past, there had been delays in completing the Executive Director's evaluation in a timely manner, due to new chairs coming in and not knowing the procedure. The Personnel Committee asked him to come up with a process and timeline by which the evaluation could be completed. The process is outlined in the resolution, beginning on April 1 when the Executive Director will complete the self-assessment, then pass it along to the Executive Board Chair, and the process being completed by the end of the Fiscal Year (June 30). There was discussion about how many people should be involved, whether the Full Commission and/or the Personnel Committee. It was determined that the Chair will either engage the input of one other person, or delegate the duty to another person, with a minimum of two giving input. The Chair has discretion to change the evaluation tool as he/she sees fit.

Camille Coates requested the slash (/) between Board Chair and Personnel Committee in the Tasks portions of the process be changed to the word 'and' – all agreed.

Eric stated that once completed, the evaluation should go before the Full Commission.

Russ withdrew his original motion, and made a new motion to recommend to Commission with the following updates to the process:

1. The process should clearly state that the first step is that the Executive Director complete a self-assessment; and
2. A minimum of two people should complete the final evaluation.

Camille Coates seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

7. **Motion to Recommend to Commission, Appointees to TCRPC Transportation Safety Committee**

Greg Menold made a motion to recommend to commission the appointees to TCRPC Transportation Safety Committee. Camille Coates seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner presented the following information:

He has contacted more people from Woodford County but hasn't heard back from them yet. Autum Jones gave him a good list to work from. Danny Phelan had recommended the Chief Deputy Coroner for Peoria County. Al Barrae Shebib from IDOT Local Roads was added as Ex Officio so as not to use another seat.

Russ Crawford stated that he and Danny Phelan called the Tazewell and Peoria County people to discuss it with them prior to Michael calling so they would already be ready to accept the position on the committee. Perhaps Woodford County commissioners could do the same to have a better chance of the roles being accepted.

Michael stated it is the goal to have all of the seats confirmed before the next Commission meeting.

Motion carried, pending the successful recruitment of the additional members from Woodford County.

**8. Executive Session if needed**

Not needed.

**9. Other**

- a. Next Meeting will be January 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
- b. Eric Miller stated the following meeting schedule changes for December and January:
  - i. The Full Commission will meet on December 3, but there will most likely be no Technical Committee or Executive Board meetings in December.
  - ii. There will most likely be no Full Commission meeting in January.

**10. Adjournment**

John Kahl made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Camille Coates, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Submitted by: Eric Miller, Executive Director  
Recorded and transcribed by: Lori Reynolds