

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Winnebago met in person on February 04, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with President Franklin J. Eubank, Jr. presiding. The link for the employees and the public to attend remotely was made available through GoToMeeting.

ROLL CALL: ACKERMAN – GRAHAM – KIM - LEFEVRE - MCKINNON -SPRINGER, present

Guests: Attorney Mary Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, Chief Jeff White, Public Works Director Chad Insko, Treasurer Dana Novinson, Lieutenant Nick Haff, Greg Brown, Dr. John Schwuchow. Luke Ziegler of Fehr Graham attended remotely.

4. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM - A quorum was established.

5. MEETING GUIDELINES

6. DISCLOSURE OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST - No conflict of interest was noted.

7. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – No changes to the agenda.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT – No one requested to address the Board.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by MR. KIM, seconded by MR. LEFEVRE to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

a. *Approval of Board Trustees Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2026

b. *Approval of Invoices Presented for Payment \$56,849.53

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT –

a. Winnebago School District 323 Superintendent Dr. Schwuchow and Rockford School District CEO Greg Brown discussed the upcoming Winnebago County Sales Tax Referendum. They explained if it passes, it will be distributed based on a per-student basis. It would basically be for facilities, mental health, and school resource officers.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT – *(Report provided at the second Board Meeting of the month).*

12. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

a. Administrator Report – Not provided. *(Report provided at the second Board Meeting of the month).*

b. Police Chief Report – Not provided. *(Report provided at the second Board Meeting of the month).*

c. Public Works Director – Not provided. *(Report provided at the second Board Meeting of the month).*

13. ACTION ITEMS

a. Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of the Village Administrator Employment was delayed to the end of the meeting .

b. Chief White explained the Winnebago–Boone County Investigative Cooperative is basically the outgrowth of the Task Force with the same name. It is formed to investigate shootings by an officer, etc., when called into action. It is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the Police Chief and needs no Board action at this time.

There will be a meeting tomorrow with Fehr Graham, February 5, 2026, to discuss items c, d, e, and f.

c. Main Street Widening Bid Acceptance.

d. Swift Street Bid Acceptance.

- e. A Resolution Approving A Task Order With Fehr Graham For Platting Services.
- f. A Resolution Approving A Task Order With Fehr Graham For Engineering Design Services For The Kasch Drive Road Construction.

15. NEW BUSINESS – No new business discussed.

A motion was made by MR. MCKINNON, seconded by MR. GRAHAM to continue this meeting following the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote at 6:48 p.m.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:04 p.m. with all six trustees, Attorney Gaziano, the Clerk, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, with President Franklin Eubank presiding.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED SESSION) – pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)

A motion was made by MR. MCKINNON, seconded by MR. GRAHAM to go into Executive (Closed) Session at 8:06 p.m. to discuss the Village Administrator's contract, specifically as it relates to Economic Development. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 8:28 p.m. with all six Trustees, Attorney Gaziano, Village Administrator Joseph Dienberg, the Clerk, and President Franklin Eubank presiding.

13. ACTION ITEM

- a. A motion was made by MR. ACKERMAN, seconded by MR. LEFEVRE to adopt Resolution 2026-05R A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Village Administrator Employment Extension Agreement Between the Village of Winnebago and Joseph D. Dienberg. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

16. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next Board meeting will be held on February 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm, followed by the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

17. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by MR. LEFEVRE, seconded by MR. KIM, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Sally Jo Huggins, Village Clerk