

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES – APRIL 20, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on April 20, 2017 at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York.

Board Members

Debra Root
Jerry Scott
Kier Dirlam
Charles Jessup
Robert Keis, Chairman
Chuck Couture
Norm Marsh
Jay Gould

Representing

Allegany County
Allegany County
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Allegany County
Cattaraugus County
Cattaraugus County
Cattaraugus County
Chautauqua County

Others Attending

John Thomas
Richard Zink
Sarah Phearsdorf
Halley Kottwitz
Susan Avery

Representing

The Villager
Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff

Chairman Keis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Chuck Couture made a motion to accept the March 16, 2017 minutes as distributed. Jerry Scott seconded the motion and it carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Project Review Report

Chuck Couture moved to acknowledge receipt of the Project Review Report, Kier Dirlam seconded the motion and it carried.

Executive Director's Report

1. Federal Update

The House and Senate are on recess until April 24. When they return, some form of a spending measure for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2017 must be passed before current funding runs out on April 28. Appropriators are working on an omnibus spending package for the rest to the year, but there are many issues left to resolve including whether to accommodate President Trump's request for an additional \$33 billion in military and border security funding. An additional CR may

be necessary to avoid a government shutdown. The administration has transmitted to Congress \$17.9 billion in requested spending cuts for the remainder of FY2017. When Congress returns from recess, there will only be four joint legislative days to reach a compromise before spending runs out.

2. Appalachian Regional Commission

As part of this year's ARC application process, staff put together an application that would benefit the entrepreneurial efforts occurring across our region; an application that works with a consultant to establish an Angel Fund within our region and potentially across the entire Southern Tier of New York. This application would also provide additional support for the YEA program and other small business assistance efforts by using interns from the area colleges.

A motion was needed to approve an application to be submitted in the amount of up to \$55,000. Chuck Jessup so moved, Jerry Scott seconded the motion and it carried.

3. Interns

Staff has been working with St. Bonaventure to utilize interns during the fall semester and possibly the summer to assist in promoting the YEA program. Activities would include student recruitment efforts as well as assisting with the coordination of the events included in the program. These internships would be non-paid but they would receive college credit for their work.

4. Farmer Market Associates

Staff is working with the local farmer's markets to promote SNAP utilization and recruiting associates who will commit their efforts to assisting with the program. An associate will be assigned to one farmers market located close to their location. There are 10 farmer's markets throughout Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany Counties that will be the focus of this program.

Southern Tier West Program Report

Executive Director Richard Zink reported on the following STW programs: Local Government, Broadband, Entrepreneurial Development, NYSERDA – Clean Energy Communities, and SARA Records Management, STEDO, and STERA.

Committee Reports

1. Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee will meet in May 2017.

2. Watershed Committee

The Watershed Committee will meet in July 2017 to discuss the fall conference.

3. STERA

STERA will meet on June 12, 2017.

Public Comment

Chuck Couture announced that Franklinville's Maple Festival will take place on April 29 and 30, 2017. He shared some sample products from Merle's Maple Products who will be vending at the Festival.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Audit Abstract

Jay Gould made a motion to approve the March 2017 Audit Abstract, Chuck Couture seconded the motion and it carried.

Next Board Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Board of Directors will be held on June 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., followed by ARC presentations starting at 9:40 AM at the STW Offices in Salamanca, NY.

Adjournment

Jerry Scott made a motion to adjourn, Norm Marsh seconded the motion and it carried.

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