

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES – JUNE 21, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on June 21, 2018 at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York.

Board Members

Jerry Scott
Kier Dirlam, Vice Chairman
Deb Root
Crystal Abers
Chuck Couture
Donna Vickman
Norm Marsh
Jay Gould, Secretary
Joe Galati
Don McCord
George Borrello

Representing

Allegany County
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Cattaraugus County
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Chautauqua County
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Others Attending

George Korchowsky
Richard Zink
Sarah Phearsdorf
Jonathan Mayr
Sam Lewis
Kimberly LaMendola
Craig Klose

Representing

NYS Department of State
Staff
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Staff

In the absence of Chairman Keis, Vice Chairman Kier Dirlam called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made, and a sign-in sheet was circulated.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Chuck Couture made a motion to accept the April 19, 2018 minutes as distributed. Jay Gould seconded the motion and it carried.

Correspondence

Secretary Jay Gould reported that there were letters from: Town of Persia, City of Jamestown, and Gowanda Area Redevelopment Corporation; expressing their agreement to support the New York & Lake Erie Railroad's Passenger Freight Rail Assistance Program grant application for the rehabilitation of the rail line from Cherry Creek NY to the Waterboro Junction with the Southern Tier Rail Extension Authority line.

Project Review Report

Joe Galati moved to acknowledge receipt of the Project Review Report, Jerry Scott seconded the motion and it carried.

Executive Director's Report

1. Federal Funding: \$1.2 Trillion FY2018 Omnibus Spending Package Signed into Law

The House advanced three spending bills: Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. The bundled bill, also referred to as a "minibus", was approved by a vote 235-179. Federal-state regional commissions are funded under the Energy and Water bill with the following funding approved for FY19:

- Appalachian Regional Commission: \$155 million, level with FY18
- Delta Regional Authority: \$15 million, \$10 million less than FY18
- Northern Border Regional Commission: \$12 million, \$3 million less than FY18
- Southeast Crescent Regional Commission: \$250 k, level with FY18

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the same set of spending bills for FY2019. A vote by the Senate on these bills or the House's minibus is expected next week.

2. Angel Fund

A meeting was held June 19th, at which time Consultant Steve Mercil of Angel Capital Group provided a direction and steps moving forward. Staff is working toward an early fall launch of the fund to solicit funders of potential projects by the end of the year.

3. Interns

Ashley Thomas from Jamestown is hired as a summer intern to assist with GIS collection of the Village of Falconer cemetery and the data classification of points previously collection in the Town of North Collins.

4. Southern Tier West Development Foundation

The Southern Tier West Development Foundation revised its funding focus to look at supporting more entrepreneurial activities along with the current municipal support.

5. ARC Audit

Staff is working on a POWER grant through ARC. The focus is on entrepreneurial development across the region. We are specifically asking for money to assist with the Angel Fund, YEA, business plan development, and assistance in the form of a loan for an agri-business.

6. Staff Updates

Southern Tier West hired a new staff member, Craig Klose, Regional Development Associate. Craig will work on ARC project application grant writing and assist with the local foods program.

7. Annual Budget

Richard Zink distributed a copy of and presented the STW 2018 Annual Budget to the Board, which will be approved at the July Board Meeting.

8. STW Procurement Policy

Richard Zink will have the STW Procurement Policy ready for approval at the July Board Meeting.

Southern Tier West Program Report

There were no program updates.

Committee Reports

Richard Zink reported that STERA met on June 11, 2018

Richard Zink reported that the Transportation Committee will meet in August 2018.

Richard Zink reported that the Watershed Committee is working on coordinating a Storm Water Conference for Fall 2018.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Audit Abstract

Chuck Couture made a motion to approve the May 2018 Audit Abstract. Jay Gould 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 July 19, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Center for Regional Excellence, Salamanca, NY.

Adjournment

Joe Galati made a motion to adjourn, Crystal Abers seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

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