

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

The regular meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on September 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members

Jerry Scott
Sue Myers
Ted Hopkins
Joseph Eade
Robert Keis, Vice Chairman
William King
James Cooper, Chairman
Allan Hendrickson

Representing

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

Others Attending

John Sayegh
Robert Iszard
Donald Rychnowski
John Buzzard
Sarah Phearsdorf
Ginger Malak
Eileen Weishan
Brian Paschen
Richard Zink
Rudin Emborsky
Alyssa Dechow

Representing

Catt. Co. Dev., Planning, & Tourism
Empire State Development
Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff

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

Minutes

Joseph Eade made a motion to accept the August minutes with the following correction: under the Transportation Committee, Sue Myers said "there are towns and villages eligible for the Cornell Cooperative Streets Program in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties". Jerry Scott seconded the motion and it carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Project Review Report

Ted Hopkins moved to acknowledge receipt of the Project Review Report. Joe Eade seconded the motion and it carried.

Executive Director's Report

Donald Rychnowski reported the following:

News & Notes

1. **Census 2010**
Southern Tier West was awarded the Census Bureau's Partnership Support Program for Census 2010 promotional materials that also bear the Southern Tier West logo. Southern Tier West will disperse these promotional items across the southern tier west region.
2. **Transportation Program**
Southern Tier West is developing a GIS component that will offer state-of-the-art technology for improving infrastructure systems in towns, villages, and cities in our region. The Town of Kiantone is currently a pilot for this program. Southern Tier West is working closely with NYS DOT to ensure a standardized process that will allow this data to be used as a management tool to assist in budgetary planning as well as records management practices.
3. **Blue Ribbon Schools**
Sherman Elementary School in Chautauqua County was among 413 schools designated nationwide as a Federal Blue Ribbon School.
4. **Approved ARC Projects**
The Cuba-Rushford Environmental Education Initiative grant was approved for \$43,350 on September 14th. Other projects that were funded for 2009 include: Alfred State College Green Building Laboratory - \$150,000; Southern Tier West Asset Management Program - \$56,629; and JCC Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies -\$130,817. Projects pending included: Cuba Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvements - \$150,000; Regional Road Management Program \$66,629; and Energy Outreach Program -\$30,000.

Actions Needed

1. **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Document**
Jerry Scott made a motion to approve the 2009 CEDS document that will be forwarded to the Economic Development Administration. Al Hendrickson seconded the motion and it carried.
2. **Census 2010**
Authorization was needed for Southern Tier West, along with NYSARC, to participate in completing a grant application for the New York Census Complete Count to NYS DOS. Joe Eade so moved, Sue Myers seconded the motion and it carried.

New Business

1. Transportation

Don Rychnowski gave a PowerPoint presentation on Network Appalachia. Network Appalachia is a strategic plan to more successfully link the businesses, communities, and people of the Appalachian Region to the global marketplace of the 21st century. Building on the foundation of the 3,090-mile Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS), Network Appalachia features an interconnected platform of intermodal corridors or commerce that serve as the Region's primary links to both domestic and international markets. A growing system of inland ports helps assure a direct connection between Appalachia's businesses and communities and its transportation network. Network Appalachia is all about economic and employment opportunity in the global economy of the 21st century.

2. Broadband Development Initiatives

Richard Zink reported that under the Allegany Wireless Project, Southern Tier West learned that public and private partnerships work well. Over the past six years, Southern Tier West has formed partnerships that were important to make this project feasible. A partnership with ACCORD Corporation was formed to complete the application. Throughout this initiative, Southern Tier West and partners will help train communities to learn how to better use the internet.

Under the Fiber Build Project, Southern Tier West has talked with several companies who have done this kind of project and found a comfort level with expenses and how to operate this system after it is built. Partners in the project met in July to further discuss the project. A sub-committee will be formed under the Southern Tier West Development Foundation to manage this system.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Committee Reports

Transportation Committee

Sue Myers reported that the Transportation Committee will meet on September 22nd at the Southern Tier West Office at 1:30 p.m.

Authorization was needed for the Executive Committee to approve the final copy of the Southern Tier West Regional Transportation Strategy and submit it to NYS DOT. Joe Eade so moved, Al Hendrickson seconded the motion and it carried. An Executive Summary of this document will be e-mailed to Board members.

Audit Abstract

Joe Eade made a motion to approve the August 2009 Audit Abstract. Jerry Scott seconded the motion and it carried.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board will be a Board Retreat held on October 15, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Regional Excellence.

Adjournment

Joe Eade moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Allan Hendrickson seconded the motion and it carried.

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