

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on June 20, 2019 at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York.

Board Members

Jerry Scott
Kier Dirlam, Chairman
Chuck Jessup
Deb Root
Crystal Abers
Donna Vickman
Chuck Couture
Robert Keis
Norm Marsh
Don McCord
Jay Gould, Vice Chairman
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
Craig Klose
Jon Mayr
Kimberly LaMendola
Halley Kottwitz

Representing

NYS Department of State
Staff
Staff
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Staff

Chairman 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 May 16, 2019 minutes as distributed. Jay Gould seconded the motion and it carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Project Review Report

George Borrello moved to acknowledge receipt of the Project Review Report, Deb Root seconded the motion and it carried.

Executive Director's Report

1. Grant Status

The House Appropriations Committee approved the FY2020 Energy & Water Development Bill, which contains ARC's non-highway funding for the coming fiscal year. The measure provides \$170 million for ARC, a \$5 million increase over the FY2019 level. This is the highest non-highway funding in ARC's history. Of the \$170 million, the committee report that accompanied the bill specifies that \$50 million is for POWER, \$10 million is to continue a program of broadband deployment in distressed counties in Central Appalachia; and \$10 million is to focus on workplace re-entry strategies for those in long-term recovery from substance use disorder. The report also directs ARC to provide a report on the percentage of funding that has been directed to persistent poverty counties and high poverty areas in the last three years, using a Committee-specified definition for persistent poverty counties and high poverty areas.

2. Availability of STEDO Funds

Loans made in the past month \$528,000 -- by March should mean \$37,000 for STW.

Availability of funds include: STEDO - \$203,000; STEDO Agri Business - \$130,000; STEDO Working Capital - \$220,708; WRC downtown loan - \$1,200,000; WRC working capital - \$50,000; and CCBDC micro - \$0.

3. ARC WORC Application

Southern Tier West is working on a new program with partners (CARES, JCC, Alfred State) currently to acquire money for workforce development in our region. This is a 36-month program, final application is due July 15th – there is \$2.5 million available for funding.

4. Staff Updates

Southern Tier West GIS Associate Sam Lewis left in May. We are hiring Fileve Palmer who will be working on the YEA! Program. Fileve will start the day after Labor Day in September.

5. Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget

Included in the Board packets, the 2019-2020 budget is comparable to last year in terms of total revenues and expenses. A motion was needed to approve the 2019-2020 budget. Chuck Couture so moved, Craig Clark seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Southern Tier West CEDS

Staff is starting the process for the annual update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for 2019. This will be presented to the Board before the September meeting in order to be sent to EDA as approved before October 1st.

7. Angel Fund Update

Richard Zink is pushing to get this project done in the next 30 days.

8. ARC Past Project Release Request

A previously funded ARC project (2013) "Wellsville NYS Route 417 Waterline Extension" has not utilized its funding and the board has been asked to declare this project as closed so any monies left can be recovered and reallocated to other projects. George Borrello so moved, Bob Keis seconded the motion and it carried.

The Crossroads Development Water Infrastructure project will be discussed at the July meeting after Allegany County Representatives have a chance to do some research.

Southern Tier West Program Report

Due to time restriction, there was no program report.

Committee Reports

1. Policy Committee

Board members stated that County Share needs to be discussed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Audit Abstract

Bob Keis made a motion to approve the May-June Sales by Product Service Summary; May Transaction List; and June-July Profit and Loss Report. Jerry Scott seconded the motion and it carried.

Next Board Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Board of Directors is scheduled for July 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Southern Tier West Offices in Salamanca, NY.

Adjournment

Jerry Scott made a motion to adjourn at 9:34 a.m., Chuck Jessup seconded the motion and it carried.

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