

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, May 16 2000 at 7:00 PM

Place Village of Carthage Municipal Building, 120 S Mechanic St., Carthage NY 13619

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Minutes

TO: Mayors/Supervisors and Boards of the T/Champion, T/Wilna, V/Carthage and V/West Carthage, and Kevin Smith

FROM: Chris Vargulick, Council Clerk

DATE: May 17, 2000

RE: Minutes from May 16, 2000 River Area Council of Governments Mtg.

Members present: T. Buckley, L. Gerber, M. Sligar, K. Smith, and T. Stewart

Members absent: M. Franchini, D. Getman, W. McIlroy, and J. Smith

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Kevin Smith introduced a panel of presenters to discuss potential savings on energy purchases. The panel included: Arnie Talgo-New York Power Authority, James Buff-New York Power Authority (retired), Richard Murray-Enermetrix, and Douglas A. Langdon, CPE and Lisa Cuddeback-USource.

Mr. Talgo distributed copies of web research and encouraged the Council to study existing plans and strategies and to adapt them for their use rather than "reinventing the wheel".

Mr. Buff summarized the City of Massena's experience establishing municipal power. Mr. Buff described municipal power as less attractive in today's market and voiced his support for aggregated purchasing when it proves feasible. He stated that deregulation has made the market very volatile. Mr. Buff previously served on the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES board and participated in the development of the cooperative energy purchasing through the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium.

Kevin Smith asked how the break point between use and savings is determined. Mr. Buff responded that an energy profile is performed to estimate the potential for savings.

Mr. Langdon summarized the service that they offer through on-line request for proposals (RFP) and supplier "real time" bidding based on pre-established terms and conditions. The service acts as an "energy exchange". The Council discussed the advantages of aggregate purchases compared to individual RFP's.

Mr. Murray advised the Council that it should insure three points if they decide to consider energy RFP's:

1. Lowest price at time of purchase
2. Lowest level of risk
3. Supplier reliability

Mr. Sligar questioned the panel concerning the division of responsibilities for service and distribution of power.

The Council thanked the panel for their presentations. It was the consensus of the Council to request a more detailed presentation at a later date.

The next meeting of the River Area Council will be held on Tuesday, June 20th at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building. The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Christina Vargulick

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