

**Organization River Area Council of Governments**

**Board Executive Board**

**Date and Time Thursday, June 8 2000 at 7:00 PM**

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

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**Minutes**

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**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:** June 9, 2000

**RE:** Minutes from June 8, 2000 River Area Council of Governments Special Meeting

**Members present:** T. Buckley\*, L. Gerber\*, D. Getman,\* W. McIlroy\*, M. Sligar\*, and Henry Watkins

**Members absent:** M. Franchini, J. Smith, and T. Stewart

**Guests:** Robert Quinn and Roger Maciejko

(\*identifies voting members)

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and introduced Mr. Robert Quinn, Tug Hill Commission Executive Director and Mr. Roger Maciejko, Tug Hill Commissioner member who were present to discuss with the Council hiring a circuit rider to assist RACOG communities with planning.

The Council detailed their conception of the position as one that would be supervised by the Tug Hill Commission with the scope of work defined by the Council who would receive monthly progress reports at regularly scheduled RACOG meetings.

The Council discussed three alternatives for funding the position:

- Funding facilitated by Senator Wright through the Department of State. Senator Wright has been approached and is supportive of the plan. A formal response is pending.
- Funding through Rural Utilities Development from contingent funds approved for the construction of Champion Sewer District #1 and a grant from EDC for a combined total of \$40,000.
- Funding through NYS from a line item supported by Senator Wright.

Each component community would be responsible for a contribution to the Tug Hill Commission to support the administrative costs of the circuit rider. Mr. Quinn estimated the amount at \$800-1000 for member communities and \$2400 for communities outside the Tug Hill Commission's jurisdiction.

Mr. Quinn distributed a description of the circuit rider position including general education/experience qualifications, a pay scale, and a proposed job description.

Motion by Mr. McIlroy, seconded by Mr. Gerber authorizing the Tug Hill Commission to advertise for the position, conduct interviews and prepare a recommendation for action by the Council. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Approximately two members of RACOG will participate in the interview process.

Mr. Getman advised the Council that consideration is being given to a grant for the purpose of funding preliminary engineering for a swimming pool complex. Mr. Getman will inform members if action from the component boards is required.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.

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Christina Vargulick

Council Clerk