

**Organization River Area Council of Governments**

**Board Executive Board**

**Date and Time Tuesday, June 20 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 21, 2000

**RE:** Minutes from June 20, 2000 River Area Council of Governments meeting

**Members present:** T. Buckley, M. Franchini, D. Getman, W. McIlroy, K. Smith and T. Stewart

**Members absent:** L. Gerber, M. Sligar, and J. Smith

**Guests:** B. Armstrong, M. Bourcy, P. LaBarge, and J. Waterbury

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Kevin Smith introduced Jean Waterbury of the Tug Hill Commission and Bruce Armstrong and Mike Bourcy from Jefferson County Planning to present a draft work program for the RACOG planning study. Ms. Waterbury stated that the intention of the program was to build upon the previous meetings between the municipal boards and the planning board chairmen. The scope of work will be accomplished in phases through the efforts of a working committee who would report regularly to the Council so that progress may be shared with component boards. A schedule of meetings will be established and distributed.

Kevin Smith distributed a staffing update from Bob Quinn and a draft position announcement for the Council's review. T. Buckley reported that Dave Miller has approved the utilization of a portion of the grant funds awarded to Champion Sewer District #1 for planning. RUD and EDCC funds will be used as an alternate, to fund the circuit rider position, if funds cannot be secured through Senator Wright's office.

It was the consensus of the Council to advertise immediately for the circuit rider position.

The Council discussed the possibility of applying for a grant to fund the preliminary engineering for a pool facility. K. Smith asked if the component boards, based on their priorities, would consider underwriting the preliminary engineering costs. The chief elected officers will discuss the proposal with their boards and report at the next RACOG meeting.

The Council discussed the interest expressed in pursuing aggregated energy purchases. It was suggested that a committee be charged with contacting local businesses concerning their current energy usage and purchase agreements and to ascertain the level of interest in participating in future informational sessions. W. McIlroy agreed to discuss the proposal with Climax and asked that the topic be placed on the agenda for July.

The Council briefly discussed recreational facilities including the proposed pool and the deterioration of the Branaugh Memorial Club. Information previously collected for the DMG study concerning existing facilities will be distributed for review and future discussion.

**The next meeting of the River Area Council of Governments will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2000 at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

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Christina Vargulick

Council Clerk