

**Organization River Area Council of Governments**

**Board Executive Board**

**Date and Time Tuesday, July 18 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:** July 19, 2000

**RE:** Minutes from July 18, 2000 River Area Council of Governments meeting

**Members present:** T. Buckley, L. Gerber, W. McIlroy, and M. Sligar

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

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and opened the meeting for comment from the public.

Mr. Russell Mauer and Mr. Walter Becker, representing the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce, discussed a State initiative to provide grant funds to develop and improve farmer's markets. The Chamber proposes submitting a grant for the construction of a pole barn to house vendors with the intention of expanding the market's operational year and to provide cover during inclement weather. The Chamber was seeking community support in the form of in-kind services to be used as matching funds. The Council requested that the Chamber develop a formal proposal for submission to and the consideration of the Council at its next meeting.

Ms. Karen Catcher, Tug Hill Commission, discussed with the Council the availability of funds to perform a feasibility study for a community pool facility. The Council described its vision for the project as one that would allow for phased construction and expansion of facilities as determined by funding and need. Ms. Catcher will report on funding at the August meeting.

Mr. McIlroy reported on a discussion with Ray Ames, Climax, concerning the purchase of natural gas and electricity. Mr. Ames stated that while they have seen small savings in gas purchases they have not been able to negotiate significantly lower rates for electrical power.

Mr. Buckley reported that the Tug Hill Commission has received four applications and resumes for the RACOG circuit rider position. Mr. Robert Quinn, Tug Hill Commission executive director, suggests extending the deadline for submission of applications into August. It was the consensus of the Council to extend the original deadline as recommended.

Mr. Buckley reported that joint planning study meeting was being held concurrently at the Town of Champion with Jean Waterbury, Tug Hill Commission and Michael Bourcay, Jefferson County Planning, moderating the discussion. The town/village zoning maps are being digitized to facilitate the work of the committee. The committee has scheduled their next session for September 28, 2000 at the Village of West Carthage.

**The next meeting of the River Area Council of Governments will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 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

