

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, March 20 2001 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

FROM: Chris Vargulick, Council Clerk

DATE: March 22, 2001

RE: Minutes from March 20, 2001 River Area Council of Governments

meeting

Members present: T. Buckley, M. Franchini, L. Gerber, D. Getman, W. McIlroy, M. Sligar, J. Smith, and T. Stewart

Others present: K. Amyot and J. Waterbury

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

The Board reviewed the monthly report submitted by Kathleen Amyot, Circuit Rider. Mrs. Amyot commented on the ongoing role of RACOG and the value of communications and support between the communities. Mrs. Amyot reported that she attended a retail marketing show in Albany for the purpose of gathering information and establishing contacts with retailers.

Supervisor Buckley commended Mrs. Amyot for exceeding the expectations of the Council for the role of a Circuit Rider.

Mr. Sligar reported that the deadline for submission of a CBDG in April 23, 2001 and submitted written materials. Two public hearings would be required prior to submission of a grant application. Mr. Sligar recommended an application filed on behalf of the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage with letters of endorsement from the Towns of Champion and Wilna. Mr. Sligar also asked the Council to consider lead agency designation and a request for qualifications for a consultant as specified in the Quality Communities Demonstration Grant. Supervisor Buckley asked for clarifications concerning the consultant services and the proposed boundaries for the CBDG, questioning if business off the "Main Street" would be eligible for assistance. Mr. Sligar stated that an expanded area within the Villages that is functionally connected is preferable.

Motion by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Gerber to endorse submission of a Community Block Development Grant application. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Franchini to hold a public hearing, on March 29, 2001 at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building, for the purpose of hearing comments concerning the preparation of a Micro Enterprise/Public Improvement Community Block Grant application in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the purpose of meeting identified and prioritized needs in the communities of Carthage and West Carthage. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Smith to hold a public hearing, on April 17, 2001 at 7:00PM at the Village of West Carthage Municipal Building, for the purpose of hearing comments concerning the potential impacts and benefits of the community's proposed project prior to submission of the application. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gerber, seconded by Mr. Buckley to solicit requests for qualifications for consulting services. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the proposed by-laws. Mr. Smith requested a clarification of Section 15. As a result of the clarification the Board considered the budget as proposed for the remainder of the 2001 budget year. Motion by Mr. Getman, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adopt the by-laws as presented. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed three versions of the mission statement. Mr. Sligar recommended amending the Town of Champion draft as follows:

Change: "removal of"

To: "recommendations with respect to".

Motion by Mr. Sligar, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adopt the mission statement as amended. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Getman, seconded by Mr. Gerber to adopt the 2001 budget as presented. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Amyot presented a letter and attached grant application received from the Jefferson County Department of Planning for the development of recreation trails. She stated that although the Council is not in a position to apply during this grant cycle it may want to begin a dialogue and identification of needs.

Mr. Getman commented on winter recreation and snowmobile use within the Village boundaries. Mr. McIlroy recommended that a letter be sent to the Missing Links snowmobile club addressing any concerns.

Mr. Sligar announced that the ad hoc committee meeting scheduled for March 27th will be postponed.

Mr. Smith commented that in light of the closure of Deferiet Paper Mill that employment opportunities need to be a focus.

Chairman McIlroy opened the floor for public comment. A group representing ACCT was present to inform the Council about their objectives and goals which are to create positive outlets for the area youth.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Franchini to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:35PM.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Getman to resume open session. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:42PM.

Motion by Mr. Sligar, seconded by Mr. Buckley to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.