

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, December 18 2001 at 7:00 PM

Place Town of Champion Municipal Building, 10 N Broad St., West Carthage NY

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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 Secretary

DATE: December 21, 2001

RE: Minutes from December 18, 2001 River Area Council of Governments meeting

Members present: M. Bezanilla, T. Buckley, L. Gerber, W. McIlroy, J. Smith, and T. Stewart

Members absent: M. Franchini and M. Sligar

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the Town of Champion Municipal Building.

Reports

Ms. Amyot introduced Dave Crandall and Paul Fritz, from Environmental Design and Research, who presented an outline of the preliminary comprehensive complementary design plan for the Council's review and comment. Mr. Crandall emphasized the importance of both public and private investment to provide momentum for the project objectives.

The Circuit Rider's monthly report was reviewed and accepted. Ms. Amyot reported that the Village of Carthage, as lead agency, has approved the sub-recipient agreement. The RFQ, for a consultant to work with specific property owners seeking guidance for property improvements, has been advertised. The SEQR is being completed with assistance from the Village Code Officers. The RFP responses for Phase II of the Quality Communities Demonstration Grant has been extended until 12/19/01 to maximize the response. Phase II will be implemented in January 2002.

Mr. Stewart reported that the Joint Recreation Committee would be travelling to Cato-Meridian School District to tour a shared pool facility constructed there.

Ms. Amyot reported on the preliminary meeting of the Council's component boards for the purpose of discussing a business site/industrial park. It was the consensus of the group to defer discussions pending the release of the Black River Corridor Economic Adjustment Strategy report to determine the type of industry and/or retail development that would be best suited to the area. The Boards agreed that RACOG would be the most efficient venue for future discussions.

Motion by Mr. Gerber, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes for November 20, 2001 as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman McIlroy read a proclamation recognizing the exemplary service of Mr. Gerber during his tenure on the Council.

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

The next meeting of the River Area Council of Governments will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2002 at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

Christina Vargulick

RACOG Secretary