

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, February 19 2002 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 Secretary

DATE: February 20, 2002

RE: Minutes from February 19, 2002 River Area Council of Governments
meeting

Members present: M. Bezanilla, T. Buckley, M. Franchini, W. McIlroy,
and M. Sligar

Members excused: J. Smith, P. Smith, and T. Stewart

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

Motion by Mr. Franchini, seconded by Mr. Buckley to approve the minutes, for January 15, 2002, as presented.
Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Public Forum

No one from the public offered any comment.

Reports

The Circuit Rider's monthly report was reviewed and accepted. Ms. Amyot reported that the historical review, in regard to the CDBG, has been completed and submitted. Comments from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation are expected shortly. The environmental review is complete pending comment from the NYS Office of Parks.

Chairman McIlroy reported that he has executed the contract, with peter j. smith & company, inc., as authorized by the Council. The consultant has met with the steering committee to discuss issues and concerns and to identify project goals. Mr. Buckley asked when businesses located off "Main Street" would be eligible to apply for funds. Ms. Amyot explained that if there were still available funds after eighteen-months businesses on adjacent streets would be eligible to apply.

Ms. Amyot reported that a meeting of the Joint Recreation committee is scheduled for February 25, 2002 at 4:30PM at the West Carthage Municipal Building. The committee has requested that RACOG prepare a list of sites to consider as locations for the proposed recreational facility. Ms. Amyot has met with Dr. Mangee, Superintendent of Schools, to apprise him of the discussions concerning the recreational facility.

Old Business

Mr. Buckley reported that Slack Chemical Company has agreed to sell, to the Village Ecumenical Ministeries Food Pantry, a double wide building located at 452 South Washington Street, Carthage for \$1.00 and to lease the property the building is situated on for \$1.00 annually. The construction of a loading dock for food deliveries and a ramp at the entrance are under consideration at a cost of approximately \$13,000. Mr. Buckley is investigating the possibility of funding the construction with two grants. Mr. Buckley reported that the Towns of Wilna and Champion have discussed including a general fund appropriation in their 2003 budgets to defer the costs of operations and maintenance incurred by the Food Pantry but he recommended that RACOG appropriate monies from its contingency fund to purchase needed heating fuel immediately. Motion by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Sligar to purchase fuel in an amount not to exceed \$250 for the Food Pantry. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Mr. McIlroy inquired about the status of the Planning Study. Ms. Amyot responded that new language continues to be incorporated into the existing laws of each community for action by the Municipal Boards.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Sligar to elect Mr. McIlroy RACOG Chairman for the 2002-2003 term. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McIlroy, seconded by Mr. Franchini to elect Mr. Buckley RACOG Vice-Chairman for the 2002-2003 term. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Sligar, seconded by Mr. Franchini to appoint Mrs. Vargulick RACOG Secretary/Financial Officer for the 2002-2003 term. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Ms. Amyot asked if the Council would endorse a discussion of a multi-use trail system on a committee level with the Joint Recreation Committee serving as the facilitating committee. The Council agreed by consensus. Mr. Buckley recommended that discussions also be held at Council level.

Mr. McIlroy informed the members that the Village of Carthage will be holding an informational meeting to discuss purchasing natural gas directly from the national grid. In so much as a greater savings may be recognized through a shared purchase, Mr. McIlroy invited RACOG members to attend the session. Information will be made available as soon as possible.

Mr. Craig Brennon, representing T. F. Wright Co., inquired into submitting a bid for street benches recommended in the EDR revitalization study.

Motion by Mr. Franchini, seconded by Mr. Buckley to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:32PM.

The next meeting of the River Area Council of Governments will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

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