

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, May 21 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: May 22, 2002

RE: Minutes from May 21, 2002 River Area Council of Governments meeting

Members present: M. Bezanilla, M. Franchini, W. McIlroy, M. Sligar J. Smith, P. Smith, and T. Stewart

Members excused: T. Buckley

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

Motion by M. Sligar, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes for April 16, 2002, as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Reports

The Board reviewed the Circuit Rider's monthly report.

Ms. Amyot informed the Council that peter j. smith & company, inc. would present the final draft of the marketing analysis on Tuesday, June 4th. Ms. Amyot emphasized that the visioning process, with the assistance of consultants, will conclude with the final report from peter j. smith & co. She recommended to Council members that the design concepts from the EDR study be reviewed with the respective planning boards to identify a process for implementation.

A meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 18th at 6PM between the Villages to identify and prioritize public projects eligible for funding by the CDBG. The meeting will be advertised pending confirmation by the Village Boards.

The charette, organized by the AIA, has been scheduled for June 29th from 9AM to 3PM at Augustinian Academy. All Council members are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Amyot suggested that representatives from the Village of Sackets Harbor be invited to address RACOG at the June 18th meeting to discuss development in their community-what worked and what didn't. It was the consensus of the Council to schedule a presentation pending the availability of members of the Sackets Harbor community.

T. Stewart reported that the Twin Village Swimming Pool Commission has been notified that the workmens' compensation and liability insurance policies will not be renewed by the current carrier. Motion by J. Smith, seconded by M. Franchini to recommend to the component boards, that the Town of Champion be appointed to act as fiscal agent for the Pool Commission and that each community contribute an additional \$250 to cover the insurance premium increase. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Old Business

W. McIlroy recalled a recent meeting with Time Warner concerning cable franchise renewal and informed the Council members that T. Buckley has requested that component communities defer action on the renewals pending informal discussions with the school district.

New Business

Mr. Joe Starosciak, Mirabito Gas & Electric, Inc., discussed with the Council potential savings for natural gas through cooperative purchasing. Based on account information supplied by Town/Village clerks, Mr. Starosciak presented individual community savings analysis for 2001. It was noted that the contractual period would be not exceed 12 months and could be terminated, with 30 days notice, as long as the community had not committed to a fixed price. No action was taken.

Mr. LaJoie, Missing Links Snowmobile Club, reported that he had met with Tug Hill Commission personnel to explore grant funds relative to the bridge crossing. Alternatives presently being considered include: a suspension bridge, a cantilever bridge, and utilization of the existing railroad trestle. A round table meeting between the snowmobile club and RACOG members will be scheduled to more fully discuss the identified alternatives and to consider additional options.

K. Amyot reported there had been some informal discussion concerning the railroad depot located on North Mechanic St. to explore potential opportunities for including the depot as a complementary development to the Farmer's Market. Considerations included: ownership, uses, and project eligibility. It was the consensus of the Council to gauge the interest of the component boards in utilizing the depot and to continue the discussion at the June 18th RACOG meeting.

Motion by M. Franchini, seconded by M. Sligar to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:41PM.

The next meeting of the River Area Council of Governments will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

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