

**Organization River Area Council of Governments**

**Board Executive Board**

**Date and Time Tuesday, August 20 2002 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

**FROM:** Chris Vargulick, Council Secretary

**DATE:** August 21, 2002

**RE:** Minutes from August 20, 2002 River Area Council of Governments meeting

**Members present:** M. Bezanilla, T. Buckley, W. McIlroy, J. Smith, P. Smith, and T. Stewart

**Members absent:** M. Franchini and M. Sligar

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

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes for July 16, 2002, as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Chairman McIlroy opened the meeting for public comment. Len Hamilton questioned the availability of CDBG Facade Improvement program applications. Ms. Amyot reported that applications have been picked up and continue to be widely available.

### **Reports**

The Council reviewed the Circuit Rider's monthly report. The Council questioned the process for CDBG application. Ms. Amyot explained the support that has been made available to applicants and the timeline for review. Mr. Buckley expressed his concerns relative to directing too large a share of the resources to the Carthage Furniture store and therefore not being able to meet the requests of other equally eligible applicants. Ms. Amyot assured the Council that that is not the intention of the grant. The Council also expressed concerns about delays in funding due to the requirement to solicit "Request for Proposals" (RFP) for the facade improvement work. Ms. Amyot stated that application review and the submission and review of RFP's shall coincide.

Ms. Amyot reported that the sub-recipient agreement continues to be reviewed and commented on by the affected Boards.

The final draw down for the Quality Community Demonstration grant is being reviewed and processed at the State level.

Mr. Stewart reported that a letter requesting a meeting to discuss the construction of a pool has been forwarded to Dr. Carl Mangee, Superintendent of Schools. It was the consensus of the Board that the Twin Village Pool Committee shall make the initial contact and discuss the progress to date.

### **Old Business**

Chairman McIlroy reported that the Village Board is still waiting for a full report on the railroad depot and will make a determination pending review of that report.

P. Smith announced that Pat Keogh and Herb Craft have been appointed to serve as the Town of Wilna representatives on the mega-store committee. Appointment of representatives for the Village of Carthage is pending.

### **New Business**

Jefferson County will host a public meeting on August 21, 2002 to review the application process and the steps being taken by the County to secure an Empire Development Zone.

Council members reviewed the program outline for the Tug Hill Leaders Institute. Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by J. Smith to nominate T. Buckley and P. Smith as participants in the program. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Ms. Amyot distributed a draft outline of a grant application for technical assistance for community development strategic planning.

Motion by Mr. Bezanilla, seconded by Mr. Stewart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel matter. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:04PM.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by J. Smith to resume open session. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:33PM.

Motion by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the application for the Governor's Small Cities Technical Assistance Grant for Community Development Strategic Planning. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by P. Smith to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

**The next meeting of the River Area Council of Governments will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.**

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