

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, September 17 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: September 18, 2002

RE: Minutes from September 17, 2002 River Area Council of Governments meeting

Members present: M. Bezanilla, T. Buckley, M. Franchini, W. McIlroy, P. Smith,

Members absent: M. Sligar, J. Smith and T. Stewart

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

Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by M. Bezanilla to approve the minutes for August 20, 2002, as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Chairman McIlroy opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Reports

The Council reviewed the Circuit Rider's monthly report. Ms. Amyot reported that the Village of Carthage, as lead agency, has appointed Charles Haugen labor relations officer relative to facade improvements. Ms. Amyot also reported that Bernier, Carr & Associates have offered a draft contract for engineering services, as necessary, for facade improvement including but not limited to historical preservation. Ms. Amyot submitted a draft outline for the joint micro-enterprise facade improvement program application process. The process will have a final review at a meeting with lenders on 9/19/02 with an opportunity at the meeting for interested property owners to meet informally with lenders. Eleven property owners have expressed interest in the program.

Chairman McIlroy expressed concern relative to the designation of the labor relations officer since he would review projects in both Villages. Mr. McIlroy asked that Mr. Bezanilla review the appointment with the West Carthage board for consensus.

There was no report from the Joint Recreation Committee but Mr. Buckley reiterated the importance of arranging a meeting to discuss pool facilities with the school district as soon as possible.

Old Business

Mr. McIlroy reported that the Village of Carthage is waiting for a property description of the railroad depot and determination on the need for an environmental study.

Mr. McIlroy suggested a joint meeting between communities adjacent to the RACOG communities to discuss mutual interests relative to cable franchise renewal.

Mr. McIlroy questioned whether the mega-store committee should be dissolved in light of an announcement by a major retailer that they would be expanding their Watertown location. Mr. Peck suggested that the focus of the committee be changed to a study opportunities for regional business development. The Council agreed by consensus. Ms. Amyot recommended that the committee membership be expanded to include representatives from County Planning, NYS Department of Transportation, and any other identified regional departments that would be affected.

New Business

Ms. Amyot discussed the Olympic By-way Trail Project and suggested a presentation to the Council at a future meeting.

Motion by Mr. Franchini, seconded by Mr. Buckley to go into executive session for the purpose of negotiation with a particular person. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:25PM.

Motion by Mr. Franchini, seconded by Mr. Bezanilla to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:13PM.

Moton by Mr. Franchini, seconded by Mr. Bezanilla to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.

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

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