

**Organization River Area Council of Governments**

**Board Executive Board**

**Date and Time Tuesday, October 15 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:** October 16, 2002

**RE:** Minutes from October 15, 2002 River Area Council of Governments meeting

**Members present:** M. Bezanilla(7:37), T. Buckley, M. Franchini, W. McIlroy, J. Smith(7:25), and T. Stewart

**Members excused:** M. Sligar and P. Smith

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

Motion by M. Franchini, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes for September 17, 2002, as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by M. Franchini to approve the financial report as presented. Ayes-4, 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 contract negotiations with Bernier, Carr & Associates are continuing. The application process for the joint micro-enterprise facade improvement program was outlined. Ms. Amyot clarified specific aspects of the program in response to questions. T. Buckley and W. McIlroy reflected on the positive aspects of the program and its potential for economic enhancement.

T. Stewart reported on a meeting between representatives of the Joint Recreation Committee and Dr. Carl Mangee, Superintendent of Schools. The proposal to construct a joint pool facility was positively received. Representatives also discussed the possibility of leasing buses during the summer to transport children to a swimming facility during the interim. School officials were receptive to the plan. The school district has requested a resolution endorsing the construction of a joint facility from each of the component boards to be shared with the school board. T. Buckley asked that the Joint Recreation Committee develop a recommendation to RACOG to address the proposed status of the existing pool facility and an interim plan for the 2003 summer program.

**Old Business**

Chairman McIlroy reported that since the Village of West Carthage has chosen not to participate in the proposed Regional Development Committee, that the Village of Carthage shall not make an appointment. J. Peck questioned the Villages's reasons for not participating.

**New Business**

Chairman McIlroy requested that action on the contract with the Circuit Rider be deferred to November so that discussions with the EDCC can be finalized.

T. Buckley and M. Bezanilla confirmed their intention to attend the regional seminar sponsored by the NYS Department of Public Service relative to cable franchises.

Ms. Amyot presented an overview of the Olympic Trail Scenic By-way management plan including background information relative to the steering committee and the committee's focus on identifying existing corridor resources and assessing the needs for enhancement, maintenance, and protection of the resources. The final report will be submitted to ANCA for inclusion in a comprehensive management plan directed at area promotion and development. Council members and the public reflected on the materials presented.

T. Buckley reported to the Council that he and Ms. Amyot testified to the Governor's Task Force on Local Government at a session held in Lake Placid. Mr. Buckley stated that the panel was very intrigued by the RACOG model and the level of cooperation between the component boards.

Ms. Amyot reported that she and P. Smith had attended the Public Finance and Management conference at Minnowbrook. The focus of the discussion was infrastructure construction and sewer/water rate development.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by M. Franchini to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:36PM.

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

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RACOG Secretary