

**Organization River Area Council of Governments**

**Board Executive Board**

**Date and Time Tuesday, December 17 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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**Members present:** M. Bezanilla, T. Buckley, W. McIlroy, P. Smith, T. Stewart, and R. Vary

**Members absent:** M. Franchini and J. Smith

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:03PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by T. Buckley to approve the minutes for November 19, 2002, as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Chairman McIlroy introduced Rebecca Vary, a new member from the Village of Carthage.

**Reports**

The Council reviewed the Circuit Rider's monthly report. Ms. Amyot discussed additions to the membership of the Regional Retail Committee including: R. Powers (NYSDOT), B. Armstrong (Jeff. Co. Planning), and R. Novy (CCOC).

Chairman McIlroy reported that the Village of Carthage, as lead agency for the CDBG, adopted a resolution to recommend a contract with RACOG for the services of the circuit rider relative to general program delivery and administrative oversight to implement the CDBG, as needed at an hourly rate of \$19.23 not to exceed a total of \$15,000 over the duration of the grant. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by M. Bezanilla to approve the recommendation as presented and to incur any additional costs as in-kind service. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

C. Vargulick reported that the CCS school board had received and considered the resolutions adopted by the RACOG communities relative to a joint recreation facility. The school board approved a resolution for a request for proposals. W. McIlroy requested a list of the current members of the Joint Recreation Committee and recommended that they meet to discuss the summer swimming program and consider the need for additional recreation programs.

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**New Business**

- Motion by M. Bezanilla, seconded by P. Smith to approve the 2003 RACOG budget as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Dave Zembiec, THC, offered information concerning a proposed program to be presented by Hyett Palma, Inc., a national consulting firm specializing in the economic enhancement of downtowns and older business districts. Sponsors include JCJDC, the Small Business Development Center, THC, and the Greater Watertown-North Country Chamber of Commerce. Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by P. Smith to appropriate \$500 to support the program. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried. The program will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2003 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm at the Best Western Carriage House.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by P. Smith to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.

**The next meeting of the River Area Council of Governments will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.**

Christina Vargulick  
RACOG Secretary