

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, September 16 2003 at 7:00 PM

Place Village of Carthage Municipal Building, 120 S Mechanic St., Carthage NY 13619

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Minutes

Members present: T. Buckley, M. Franchini, J. Smith, P. Smith, T. Stewart, and R. Vary

Members absent: J. Ferris and W. McIlory

Vice-chairman Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:02PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

T. Buckley opened the floor for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Motion P. Smith, seconded by M. Franchini to approve the minutes for August 19, 2003, as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Reports

- The Circuit Rider's monthly report was read and accepted. T. Buckley requested an update on the CBDG. Ms. Amyot reported that brochures have been distributed to banks and businesses. She will be meeting with "Main Street" businesses. The funding focus shall remain on "Main Street" business until January 1, 2004. After that date, the project area will be expanded to include streets adjacent to State and Bridge Streets.
- Planning-Ms. Amyot reported that the American Planning Association(APA) and THC have been contacted in regards to being participating sponsors of a presentation by Ed McMahan on proactive approaches to development. Mr. McMahan would be available during the week of December 8th. Motion by P. Smith, seconded by M. Franchini to support the presentation by Ed McMahan contingent on securing sponsors. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Black River Forum-Ms. Amyot reported that a forum was held on June 25, 2003 at the Town of Champion. Issues relevant to all communities along the Black River were discussed. Attendees discussed at length the need to remove obstacles from the river. A letter to the Army Corps of Engineers is being developed to formally request debris removal. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by P. Smith to authorize the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman to execute and deliver a request to the Army Corps. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried. A follow-up meeting between the Black River communities will be scheduled pending a response to the letter.
- NYSDOT Technical Assistance Grant-The scope of work has been amended and submitted for approval.
- Joint Recreation - P. Strife presented a map illustrating motorized and non-motorized trails within a 20 mile radius of the Twin Villages and spoke of the need to identify and formalize walking trails so that they may be added to the recreation map. P. Strife requested that RACOG adopt a resolution requesting the NYSDOT to grade the new NYS Route 26 bridge shoulders to provide access to the Liberty Street trail. Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by J. Smith to request NYSDOT to grade the shoulders to provide trail access. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried. P. Strife requested authorization to contact the Village of Croghan to discuss the construction and cost of their park and pool. The Council agreed by consensus that Ms. Strife should pursue the study.
- 2003 Swim Program-C. Vargulick presented the program financial report and a written summary prepared by the Carthage Recreation department for the Council's review.
- Retail Development-R. Vary reported that the committee will hold their next meeting September 30th at the Town of Wilna. A contract with Chris Lorence Public Relations and Marketing Service is under development.

Ms. Amyot reminded the Council that there will be a presentation by Paul Hawken focusing on sustainable economic development. The presentation will be held at JCC on Monday, September 29th at 7PM.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Smith to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

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

