

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, October 21 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, J. Ferris, M. Franchini, W. McIlroy, P. Smith, T. Stewart, and R. Vary

Members absent: J. Smith

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

The meeting was opened for public comment. No one spoke.

Motion M. Franchini, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes for September 16, 2003, as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Reports

The Circuit Rider's monthly report was read and accepted. Ms. Amyot presented a Jefferson County Legislature resolution endorsing the concept of a recreational trail bridge over the Black River between the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage.

Ms. Amyot reviewed the accounting for the CDBG including unencumbered funds within the fa?ade enhancement portion of the grant in the amount of \$160,000. Ms. Amyot suggested that the Council may choose to consider enhancement of a public or not-for-profit project.

J. Peck reported on the October 4th meeting of the Retail Development committee. The committee continues to identify information to be included in the draft printed and e-brochures.

J. Peck requested that the Council forward a letter to Rep. Darrel Aubertine requesting funding assistance for brochure development and production. Motion by J. Ferris, seconded by M. Franchini to authorize a letter to Rep. Aubertine requesting funding. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

J. Peck requested that the Council identify the RACOG contact that will be included in the brochure. The Council identified, Kathleen Amyot, RACOG Circuit Rider by consensus.

P. Strife, Joint Recreation Committee Chair, presented a map and photograph of identified trails including trails at the Carthage Recreation Park, Liberty Street, and South Mechanic Street. All trails need new or improved signage and some maintenance. Mrs. Strife recommended that affected communities identify the trails by resolution to formalize the development of trail system maps to promote usage. J. Ferris requested that the committee recommend uses for specific trails for the board's consideration. The committee will discuss and prepare the recommendations at their November 11th meeting.

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.

Christina Vargulick
RACOG Secretary/Treasurer