

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, November 18 2003 at 7:00 PM

Place Town of Champion Municipal Building, 10 N Broad St., West Carthage NY

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Minutes

Members present: T. Buckley, J. Ferris, W. McIlroy, P. Smith, T. Stewart, and R. Vary

Members absent: M. Franchini and J. Smith

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

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

Motion P. Smith, seconded by J. Ferris to approve the minutes for October 21, 2003, as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Reports

The Circuit Rider's annual report was accepted as presented. Ms. Amyot highlighted accomplishments and on-going initiatives. T. Buckley questioned the viability of the Empire Zone application. Ms. Amyot reported that she is following up on a bi-weekly basis and that a decision is still pending. T. Buckley requested that Ms. Amyot advise the CIDC of the application deadlines for the facade improvement grant funds.

Ms. Amyot reported that the RFP for the DOT Technical Assistance grant has been advertised. The committee will review the applications 12/17-12/19 and prepare a recommendation for the Council.

A follow-up meeting to the Black River Forum was discussed. The Council strongly supported a meeting in early 2004 to include the NYSDEC and the Army Corps of Engineers.

J. Peck and R. Vary presented the draft retail development brochure and highlighted key points of interest. The Council also viewed the introduction to the e-brochure. Council members were enthusiastic about the product that has been developed. Motion by J. Ferris, seconded by P. Smith to approve the draft as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize C. Lorence Public Relations and Marketing Services to forward a print ready draft to the printers and to order 5000 copies of the brochure at a cost not to exceed \$1,800. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Council approved by consensus approaching CIDC and EDCC for funding to offset a portion of the printing and distribution costs.

P. Strife and C. Redfield discussed the activities of the Joint Recreation Committee including trail systems and the Carthage Youth Club.

Old Business

K. Amyot reported on discussions between herself and DOT regarding the reimbursement of the DOT Technical Assistance grant. The Town of Champion, as fiscal agent for RACOG, will be required to adopt a resolution committing to funding 100% of the project costs pending reimbursement.

New Business

The Board reviewed the preliminary budget. Motion by J. Ferris, seconded by P. Smith to approve the preliminary budget as the 2004 adopted budget. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Chairman McIlroy recognized Joseph Ferris and James Smith for their service and commitment to RACOG and presented a framed resolution in recognition of service. Mr. Ferris remarked on the level of cooperation that the RACOG communities have exhibited and urged Council members to continue its efforts.

Motion by P. Stewart, seconded by J. Ferris to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

The next meeting of the River Area Council of Governments will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

