

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, January 19 2010 at 7:00 PM

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

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Minutes

**River Area Council of Governments
January 19, 2010**

Members present: T. Buckley, S. Burto W. McIlroy, R. Peluso, P. Smith, T. Stewart and R. Vary

Absent: M. Franchini

Others: K. Amyot and J. Bartow

Chairman McIlroy called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was opened for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded R. Peluso to approve the minutes of November 17, 2009 as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by T. Buckley to approve the treasurer's report for December 2009/January 2010. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Reports

Ms. Amyot reviewed her 2009 Annual Report noting that June 2010 will be the 10 year anniversary of RACOG. Members agreed to consider an appropriate way to mark the date. Ms. Amyot also noted on-going initiatives, progress on projects and time spent on grants administration.

Ms. Amyot distributed copies of the 2008 Work Goals. The goals were originally adopted to provide broad based direction for the Circuit Rider's role with the member communities. Ms. Amyot asked the members to review the 2008 work goals and to recommend changes, additions and deletions as necessary.

J. Bartow distributed copies of the 2009 Tug Hill Resident and Landowner Survey. Mr. Bartow stated that the survey establishes baseline statistical data that the Commission can use to quantitatively measure the impact of initiatives and efforts in the Tug Hill region and to direct them during this fiscally challenging time.

Old Business

K. Amyot reported that the RACOG Recreation Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd. Ms. Amyot questioned the Board's intentions in regards to the summer swim program, specifically whether the Board intends to open the Twin Village Swimming Area. S. Burto responded that he has scheduled a meeting with NYSDOH to initiate the opening. W. McIlroy stated that NYSDOH was satisfied with the water quality and levels last year. Mr. McIlroy supported a swimming program at the Twin Village site.

Members discussed options to fairly evaluate the participation in each of the programs. Members agreed by consensus to recommend to the RACOG Recreation Committee that during the YMCA's first session (July) that the Twin Village program run concurrently with the YMCA program but be limited to evenings and weekends. RACOG would fund swimming lessons and open swim for persons participating in the school program throughout that session. RACOG would not fund the school program during the second session but would run the Twin Village program full-time through the third weekend of August.

Members discussed the utilization and value of the RACOG website.

New Business

Members reviewed the 2010 RACOG budget. Motion by S. Burto, seconded by P. Smith to approve the budget as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Burto, seconded by T. Stewart to support the THC Local Government Conference at the \$300 level. Ayes-7, Nays-0. S. Burto and T. Buckley will be registered as the complementary registrants.

K. Amyot reported that Dan Trombley, V/Carthage DPW, has recommended that the RACOG banners be replaced due to wear. The Board directed the Secretary to have the banners redesigned for the Board's consideration.

Chairman McIlroy opened the meeting for nominations for 2010 RACOG officers. S. Burto nominated W. McIlroy as chairman, seconded by T. Buckley. Ayes-7, Nays-0. P. Smith nominated S. Burto as vice-chairman, seconded by T. Stewart. Ayes-7, Nays-0. T. Buckley nominated C. Vargulick as secretary/treasurer, seconded by S. Burto. Ayes-7, Nays-0.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by S. Burto to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2010.

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