

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, March 16 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
March 16, 2010**

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

Absent: S. Burto and R. Peluso

Others: K. Amyot

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 M. Franchini to approve the minutes of January 19, 2010 as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by P. Smith to approve the treasurer's report for March 2010. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Reports

Ms. Amyot reviewed her monthly report and highlighted the following:

- JIMI - anticipated June 1, 2010 contract finalization
- Shared Police Service - coordinating committee meeting for March 24, 2010 to present report
- RACOG Comprehensive Plan - pending the approval of the Town of Champion plan, the RACOG planning committee will reconvene
- Olympic Scenic Byway - final drafts have been completed. The initiative will be submitted to the NYS Legislature for action.
- Recreation committee - meeting scheduled for March 24, 2010

K. Amyot asked members to consider marking the 10th anniversary of RACOG. She distributed photos of the 2000 visit of the Lt. Governor and discussed the "next 10 years".

Ms. Amyot distributed pertinent portions of the Black River Watershed Plan for review by members. The final public meeting on the plan is scheduled for March 17, 2010.

W. McIlroy questioned the utilization of the livescan system (electronic fingerprinting machine) by local law enforcement through shared services at the Carthage NYS Police Substation.

Old Business

No old business was discussed

New Business

In the absence of representatives from West Carthage, no status report was available in regards to reopening the Twin Village Pool. The YMCA has indicated that their 2010 swimming program will have the same offerings as last year with no change in the fee schedule. P. Smith asked if there was a deadline to express RACOG's intent to participate in the YMCA program. C. Vargulick noted that the Council agreed at their January meeting that during the YMCA's first session (July) that the Twin Village program would 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.

C. Vargulick reported that Mike Britton, Signs and Designs, is working on a new banner design which will feature

local photography and capture the cooperative essence of RACOG.

T. Buckley urged members to review their local laws regarding adult entertainment and adult oriented businesses to reduce the negative impacts of such activities on the respective communities.

Motion by M. Franchini, seconded by T. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2010.

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