

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, March 19 2013 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 19, 2013**

Members present: M. Bigness, T. Buckley, M. Franchini, W. McIlroy,
R. Vary and H. Waktins

Absent: S. Burto and P. Smith

Others: Kathy Amyot

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. The meeting was opened for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Council.

Motion by R. Vary, seconded by T. Buckley to approve the minutes for September 25, 2012 as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Members reviewed the 2012 annual report submitted by K. Amyot, Circuit Rider. Ms. Amyot highlighted key projects. Members discussed the designation of the Watertown area as "urbanized" and the potential impact to the local communities. Council members reviewed the meetings scheduled for the year and agreed by consensus to add a November meeting to review the budget. Ms. Amyot suggested updates to the website to delete some items that she believes are no longer relevant.

Old Business

Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by R. Vary to nominate and elect the following RACOG officers: W. McIlroy, Chairman; T. Buckley, Vice-Chairman, and C. Vargulick, Secretary/Treasurer. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Council members reviewed the RACOG IMA. Motion by M. Franchini, seconded by M. Bigness to recommend that each of the component boards re-adopt the IMA and authorize their chief elected officer to sign the agreement. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

Council members discussed new legislation regarding the enforcement and management of storm water regulations by local communities. The rules and regulations are still under development therefore formal notification letters have not been mailed to the communities. T. Buckley reported that he believes that Champion and Wilna may be able to opt out since their population is less than 1000 persons/square mile. An "urbanization" planning committee is being formed at the County level that reportedly will include five members. The majority will come from the city with a single representative from a community outside the city.

Members reviewed the proposed budget for the 2013 summer program. Members noted that the Twin Village pool director had requested that the Board consider the purchase of Adirondack chairs for the site. Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by M. Franchini to approve the summer program budget as presented including an amount not to exceed \$200 for the purchase of Adirondack chairs for the Twin Village pool. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Bigness, seconded by R. Vary to sponsor the Tug Hill Local Government Conference at the \$200 level. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Members questioned if new banners had been ordered for the bridge. Chairman McIlroy will discuss the new banners with the Chamber of Commerce director.

Motion by M. Bigness, seconded by R. Vary to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

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