

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on February 15, 2018 at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York.

Board Members

Jerry Scott
Kier Dirlam, Vice Chairman
Craig Clark
Robert Keis, Chairman
Crystal Abers
Chuck Couture
Donna Vickman
Joe Galati
Don McCord

Representing

Allegany County
Allegany County
Allegany County
Cattaraugus County
Cattaraugus County
Cattaraugus County
Cattaraugus County
Chautauqua County
Chautauqua County

Others Attending

Richard Zink
Sarah Phearsdorf
Halley Kottwitz
Jonathan Mayr
Sam Lewis

Representing

Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff
Staff

Chairman Keis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Introductions were made, and a sign-in sheet was circulated.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Chuck Couture made a motion to accept the December 21, 2017 minutes as distributed. Donna Vickman seconded the motion and it carried.

Correspondence

In the absence of Secretary Jay Gould, Chairman Robert Keis read the following correspondence:

1. Letter from Chautauqua County Executive, confirming appointment and re-appointment of members to the Southern Tier West Board. The Chautauqua County Legislature confirmed the following members: George Borrello replacing Vincent Horrigan, term expiring 12/31/2020; Don McCord replacing Kevin Sanvidge, term expiring 12/31/2020; and re-appointment of Jay Gould, term expiring 12/31/2020.

Project Review Report

Kier Dirlam moved to acknowledge receipt of the Project Review Report, Jerry Scott seconded the motion and it carried.

Executive Director's Report

1. Two-Year Budget Deal and Fifth Continuing Resolution for FY2018 Signed into Law

Congress approved a two-year budget deal, which increases defense and non-defense discretionary spending caps dramatically. The package also extends current fiscal year 2018 spending through March 23rd to allow time for appropriators to draft an omnibus spending package to fund the government through September 30th under new budget caps. Passage of the package by both the House and Senate followed a brief government shutdown when the most recent Continuing Resolution expired. Having new spending limits in place for FY2018 and FY2019 that both parties support is designed to end the recent cycle of shutdown threats and continuing resolutions.

2. Southern Tier West SARA Grant

Staff submitted a State Archives Grant request. The total number of pages proposed for scanning was 57,042. There are 19 municipalities participating in the application.

3. Angel Fund

A meeting was scheduled for March 22nd at Holiday Valley, at which time our consultant Steve Mercil of Angel Capital Group will discuss the fund and steps of moving forward. The goal is to begin formalizing rules and regulations and accepting applications for funding.

Southern Tier West Program Report

Executive Director Richard Zink reported on the following STW programs: Local Government, Broadband, Entrepreneurial Development: Youth Entrepreneurial Academy, Local Foods, NYSERDA – Clean Energy Communities, Geographic Information Systems, and STEDO.

Committee Reports

Richard Zink reported that the Transportation Committee met on January 16th and the Watershed Committee met on January 30th. They are both scheduled to meet back-to-back in April 2018.

Richard Zink reported that STERA will meet on March 26th at 9:30 a.m. at the Southern Tier West offices.

Public Comment

Chuck Couture reported that there is a huge dairy farming issue across the state due to milk checks not covering farmers costs.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Audit Abstract

Chuck Couture made a motion to approve the January 2018 Audit Abstract. Jerry seconded the motion and it carried.

Next Board Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Board of Directors is scheduled for January March 15, 2018 at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York.

Adjournment

Jerry Scott made a motion to adjourn, Crystal Abers seconded the motion and it carried.

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