

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

NOTES – JANUARY 16, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on January 16, 2020 at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York.

Board Members

Kier Dirlam, Chairman
Deborah Root
Robert Keis, Secretary
Chuck Couture
Norm Marsh
Donna Vickman
Don McCord
Joe Galati
PJ Wendel

Representing

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

Others Attending

Richard Zink
Sarah Phearsdorf
Halley Kottwitz
Jon Mayr
Fileve Palmer
Craig Klose

Representing

Staff
Staff
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Staff

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Approval of the December 19, 2019 minutes was deferred until the March 2019 Board Meeting, due to lack of a quorum.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Project Review Report

Two projects were open for comment. Bob Keis moved to acknowledge receipt of the Project Review Report, Chuck Couture seconded the motion and it carried.

Executive Director's Report

1. Federal Funding Outlook

A two-part spending package, which fully funds the government for FY2020 was signed into law. The FY2020 spending package provides: \$333 million for EDA; \$3.2 million for USDA Rural Development; \$9.9 billion for Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration; \$3.4 billion for HUD Community Development Block Grants; \$89 million for EPA Brownfields; \$1 billion for Department of Transportation BUILD; \$175 million for ARC;

\$30 million for the Delta Regional Authority; \$25 million for the Northern Border Regional Commission; \$15 million for the Denali Commission; and \$250 thousand for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission.

2. **ARC Power Application**

STW continues to work with ARC to receive the final contact through USDA for this project. Preparation is being made for deployment of antennas in the Spring of 2020.

3. **Angel Fund**

October 9, 2020 deadline is set for this fund. Currently there are twelve commitments and twelve checks provided.

4. **Availability of Funds**

STEDO \$18,000; STEDO Agri Business \$450,000; STEDO Working Capital \$135,000; WRC Downtown Loan \$1,200,000; WRC Working Capital \$8,000; and CCBDC Micro - \$0. *Loans made in the past month total \$460,000.

Southern Tier West Program Report

Richard Zink reported on the following STW Programs:

1. ARC: Project Summaries for projects submitted in FY2019
2. Local Government: Powers & Duties and 27th Annual Local Government Conference
3. Local Foods: Food Policy Network Meeting
4. Hemp Project: CCE Allegany County

Committee Reports

1. **Program Development Committee**

Chairman Dirlam reported that the next Committee meeting will take place on immediately following the Board Meeting.

2. **Policy Committee**

Chairman Dirlam reported that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting. Discussion was on the draft new STW Bylaws, which will need to be approved by the counties.

3. **Economic Development/Entrepreneurship Committee**

Chairman Dirlam reported that the Committee had a roundtable discussion on January 13, 2020 with the County IDA's, JCC, ACCORD, and other development organizations.

4. **Transportation Committee**

The Committee has not met.

5. **Water Source Committee**

The Committee has not met.

6. **Local Government Committee**

The Committee has a conference-call meeting scheduled for January 23, 2020 at 11 AM.

Public Comment

Chairman Dirlam reported that Allegany County is going through a new branding effort, using Western New York Wilds for economic development and tourism.

Chuck Couture reported that this year has been great weather for the maple producers.

PJ Wendel reported that a rigorous social media campaign the Village of Fredonia was competing for the winner of Season 5 of the Small Business Revolution, an original series by Deluxe that airs on Hulu and Amazon Prime. Deluxe will invest \$500,000 in business revitalization funds the winner of the contest.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Audit Abstract

Approval of the December 19, 2019 audit abstract was deferred until the March 2019 Board Meeting, due to lack of a quorum.

Next Board Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Board of Directors will be held on March 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Center for Regional Excellence.

Adjournment

Chuck Couture made a motion to adjourn, Deb Root seconded the motion and it carried.

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