

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES – JULY 21, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on July 21, 2016 at the Center for Regional Excellence, Salamanca, New York. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members

Kier Dirlam, Vice Chairman
Jerry Scott
Robert Keis, Chairman
Crystal Abers
Chuck Couture
Donna Vickman
Jay Gould, Secretary
Joe Galati

Representing

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

Others Attending

John Thomas
Richard Zink
Sarah Phearsdorf
Kimberly LaMendola
Susan Avery
Jonathan Mayr
Halley Kottwitz

Representing

The Villager
Staff
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

Jay Gould made a motion to accept the June 16, 2016 minutes as distributed. Chuck Couture seconded the motion and it carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Project Review Report

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

Executive Director's Report

1. National Comedy Center Funding

The National Comedy Center (NCC) was invited to submit a final application by EDA. An investment by the EDA will constitute an important part of the required funding package for the NCC, a project that will spur further economic development investments and job creation in southwestern NYS.

2. Broadband

The NYS Connect Project continues to make progress. Southern Tier West and Cattaraugus County met with DFT Communications concerning the remaining portion of the grant. DFT is moving forward with engineering to cover the next phase of the project. There have been a few issues with the Arkwright tower location, although DFT feels this will be resolved.

3. 2016 – 2017 Budget

A motion was needed to approve the STW 2016/2017 Annual budget. Jay Gould so moved, Joe Galati seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Williamson Law Book Project (STW Development Foundation Project)

STW is exploring a project that would provide Highway Superintendent Software to several highway departments within the region. Williamson's Highway Superintendent Software is a record keeping system designed to reduce your workload while documenting compliance with NYS regulations. It is a full-featured, powerful database solution designed to provide increased efficiency, improved time management, cost savings, and easy-accurate reporting.

Southern Tier West Program Report

Executive Director Richard Zink reported on the following STW programs: Local Government, Local Foods, Broadband, ARC Process, GIS Data Collection, NYSEDA – Clean Energy Communities, and STEDO.

Committee Reports

Transportation Committee

Jon Mayr gave an update on funding for bridges, CHIPS, and the Transportation Enhancement Program in Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties; NYSDOT Region 6 work planned in Allegany County; and Williamson Law Book Highway Superintendent Software.

Jon reported that the WAG Trail officially opened thru a donation from Jones Memorial Hospital. The trail ranges from Wellsville in Allegany County to the Pennsylvania line. The WAG trail will eventually be a part of the Triple Divide Trail System that ranges from Lake Ontario in Rochester to Susquehanna River in Williamsport - - approximately 230 miles.

Watershed Committee

Jon Mayr reported that the new Genesee River Wilds access site is open. Approximately 66 miles is totally navigable.

STW will be working with DEC regarding the Porous Pavement Project with Roger Tory Peterson.

The Watershed Committee is trying to bring in new interested parties and build it stronger. Some changes may include: bringing green infrastructure projects into our communities, and staggering the STW Annual Stormwater Conference and Demonstration Day yearly. The STW Annual Stormwater Conference will be held this year in October at Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, NY.

Public Comment

Kier Dirlam reported that the Allegany County Fair was taking place this week.

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Chairman Keis appointed the following Board members to the Nominating Committee. Chuck Couture from Cattaraugus County; Joe Galati from Chautauqua County; and Jerry Scott from Allegany County as the Chairman. The Committee will report their nomination of Board Officers at the September Board Meeting.

Audit Abstract

The June 2016 Audit Abstract was approved by Chuck Couture, seconded by Jerry Scott.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Southern Tier West Board of Directors will be the Annual Meeting held on September 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Board and staff will visit one of the EDA or ARC projects, possibly one in Wellsville.

Adjournment

Jay Gould made a motion to adjourn, Joe Galati seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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