

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

# MINUTES – JUNE 25, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on June 25, 2017 at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York.

**Board Members**

Jerry Scott  
Kier Dirlam  
Robert Keis, Chairman  
Chuck Couture  
Norm Marsh  
Donna Vickman  
Jay Gould  
Joe Galati  
Vince Horrigan

**Representing**

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

**Others Attending**

George Korchowsky  
Richard Zink  
Sarah Phearsdorf  
Halley Kottwitz  
Susan Avery

**Representing**

NYS DOS/ARC  
Staff  
Staff  
Staff  
Staff

Chairman Keis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Chuck Couture made a motion to accept the April 20, 2017 minutes as distributed. Jerry Scott seconded the motion and it carried.

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**Project Review Report**

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

**Executive Director's Report**

**1. Federal Update**

The compromise omnibus appropriations bill for FY17 provides \$152 million for ARC. This is made up of \$70 million for ARC's base program; \$50 million for POWER; \$10 million to continue the program of broadband deployment in distressed counties in Central Appalachia that have been most negatively impacted by the downturn in the coal industry; \$16 million for a program of

industrial site and workforce development in Southern and South Central Appalachia focused primarily on the automotive supply sector and the aviation sector, with up to \$13.5 million of that account for activities in Southern Appalachia; and \$6 million for a program of basic infrastructure improvements in distressed counties in Central Appalachia. The overall funding level is \$6 million more than FY16.

## **2. EDA Site Visit**

Ed Hummel, Economic Development Representative for NY and northern New Jersey, is planning to be in the region on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. He would like to review some past projects and look at potential new projects. He would also like to meet some of the STW Board members and staff on Tuesday afternoon as part of a region evaluation.

## **3. Town of South Dayton Project**

The Town of South Dayton is renovating an old Nestle/Carnation Plant that contains asbestos. The Town has asked Southern Tier West for any assistance with funding to perform a pre-removal asbestos survey of the facility. The STW Development Foundation may be able to assist with \$2,730. The Board tabled the motion until a later Board meeting.

## **4. NYSERDA**

Southern Tier West has been asked to administer the NYSERDA program in the Southern Tier Central Region. A motion was needed to hire an additional employee for this purpose. Jerry Scott so moved, Norm Marsh seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Southern Tier West Program Report**

Executive Director Richard Zink reported on the following STW programs: Local Government, Broadband, Entrepreneurial Development, NYSERDA – Clean Energy Communities, and SARA Records Management, STEDO, and STERA.

### **Committee Reports**

There were no Committee Reports.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comments

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **Audit Abstract**

Kier Dirlam made a motion to approve the April and May 2017 Audit Abstract, Vince Horrigan seconded the motion and it carried.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Board of Directors will be held on July 20, 2017. This meeting will be site visit, location yet to be determined, within our three counties.

### **Adjournment**

Jerry Scott made a motion to adjourn, Jay Gould seconded the motion and it carried.

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