

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES – JULY 19, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on July 19, 2018 at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York.

Board Members

Kier Dirlam, Vice Chairman
Jerry Scott
Charles Jessup
Bob Kies, Chairman
Crystal Abers
Chuck Couture
Donna Vickman
Jay Gould, Secretary
Don McCord
George Borrello

Representing

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

Others Attending

Richard Zink
Sarah Phearsdorf
Jonathan Mayr
Halley Kottwitz
Kimberly LaMendola
Craig Klose

Representing

Staff
Staff
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Staff

Chairman Bob 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 21, 2018 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, Kier Dirlam seconded the motion and it carried.

Executive Director's Report

1. Federal Funding Update

Budget deal approved in February raises spending caps set under 2011 Budget Control Act

- FY2019 Discretionary Budget Caps:
 - Non-defense: \$597b (3.1% increase from FY2018)
 - Defense: \$647b (2.9% increase from FY2018)
- All 12 bills approved by Senate Appropriations Committee
- House Appropriations Committee is nearly complete
- House and Senate have approved bundled spending bills aka "minibus"

Senate Appropriations Directives:

- \$16m for industrial site/workforce development in Southern/South Central Appalachia
- \$16m for basic public infrastructure improvements in distressed counties of Central Appalachia
- Report on feasibility of relocating agency to region
- If agency relocates, Committee recommends WV

House Appropriations Directives:

- 50% funds directed towards distressed counties or areas
- \$10m for continuation of high-speed broadband in Central Appalachia
- Report activities supporting agriculture and human health

2. Angel Fund

The Angel fund leadership group is reaching out to get commitments for share purchase. This has been a collaborative effort between the three county IDA's and Development Departments. Information on the Southern Tier NY Angel Fund was included in the Board packets.

3. NYS DEC Baseline Program

In the application to DEC, Southern Tier West requested the purchase of a drone and cameras. A contract has been signed for the equipment included in the approved purchases. Staff is receiving training and the drone will be purchased soon. Data collection will take place during the months of August and September, and staff will work with the county soil and water departments to further define the project and data being collected.

4. Cemetery Data Collection

Ashley Thomas, a summer intern, completed the GIS data collection of the Falconer Cemetery. The fee is \$.20 per plot that is geocoded and loaded into a GIS system. Southern Tier West is still working on the digitizing of records and will be included in our next grant application.

5. Southern Tier West Annual Budget

A motion was needed to approve the Southern Tier West FY2018-2019 Annual Budget. George Borello so moved, Kier Dirlam seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Southern Tier West Annual Meeting

Southern Tier West's Annual Meeting will be held on September 20, 2018. There will be a tour of a past project funded by ARC with lunch at 12:00 noon and the meeting at 1:00 PM. Election of officers and presentation of the Annual Report will take place at this meeting.

7. EDA County Project Designation

Executive Director Richard Zink reported that the top EDA project priorities to be included in the 2018 CEDS document were as follows:

Allegany County

1. Alfred Center for Technology Transfer
2. Crossroads Infrastructure System Project

Cattaraugus County

1. Portville (Town) Water Line Extension Project
2. Allegany (Town) Exit 24 Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Chautauqua County

1. Dunkirk Harbor Multi-Modal Commercial Development Project
2. GATEWAY Center in Ripley, NY

Regional Projects

1. Transload Facility Project Phase 1
2. Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority Rehabilitation Project
3. Broadband Development Project

Southern Tier West Program Report

Executive Director Richard Zink reported on the following Southern Tier West programs: Local Government, Entrepreneurial Development (YEA), Local Foods, NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities, and GIS (Data Collection).

Committee Reports

Richard Zink reported that the Stormwater and Transportation Committees will meet back-to-back on August 17th. The main topic at these meetings will be how to utilize the Southern Tier West drone and programs that can be created using the drone.

Public Comment

Chuck Couture reported that NYS DEC wants to eliminate tires on bump slides by cutting them in half. If this happens, the chemicals and debris from the tires would seep into the water and affect the farm animals drinking water and food.

Kier Dirlam reported that Allegany County Planning Department has a new Assistant Director, Angela McCabe. Angela completed college at St. Bonaventure University with a degree in Marketing/Advertising.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Audit Abstract

Jay Gould made a motion to approve the June 2018 Audit Abstract. Chuck Jessup seconded the motion and it carried.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Southern Tier West Board of Directors will be the Annual Meeting held on September 20, 2018 at a location yet to be determined. There will be a tour of a past project funded by ARC with lunch at 12:00 noon and the meeting at 1:00 PM. Election of officers and presentation of the Annual Report will take place at this meeting.

Chairman Keis appointed the following nominating Committee: Chuck Couture, Cattaraugus County, Chairman; Jerry Scott, Allegany County; and Joe Galati, Chautauqua County. This Committee will report nominations of new board officers at the September 20, 2018 Annual Meeting.

Adjournment

Chuck Couture made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m., George Borello seconded the motion and it carried.

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