

SOUTHERN TIER WEST REGIONAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD

MINUTES – JUNE 26, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board was held on June 26, 2014 at the Center for Regional Excellence in Salamanca, New York. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members

Jerry Scott  
Kier Dirlam  
Ted Hopkins  
Bob Keis, Chairman  
Crystal Abers  
Norm Marsh  
William King  
Jay Gould  
Vince Horrigan

Representing

Allegany County  
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Allegany County  
Cattaraugus County  
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Chautauqua County  
Chautauqua County

Others Attending

Kevin Sanvidge  
Chris Chapman  
Jann Wiswall  
Richard Zink  
Ginger Malak  
Nicole Nyznyk  
Kim LaMendola  
Sarah Phearsdorf  
Susan Avery

Representing

Chautauqua County IDA  
Buffalo New/JPJ  
Ellicottville Times  
Staff  
Staff  
Staff  
Staff  
Staff  
STW Intern

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

Minutes

Jerry Scott made a motion to accept the May 22, 2014 minutes as distributed. Vince Horrigan seconded the motion and it carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

## Project Review Report

There was no project review report.

## Executive Director's Report

### 1. ARC Federal Funding

The House Appropriations Committee approved the FY15 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill, which contains ARC's non-highway funding for the coming fiscal year. The measure provides \$80.317 million, which is level funding with this year. The committee report accompanying the bill notes that that total includes \$10 million "to continue the program of high-speed broadband deployment in distressed counties within the Central Appalachian region that have been most negatively impacted by the downturn in the coal industry. This funding shall be in addition to the 30 percent directed to distressed counties". The committee report also states that "ARC targets 50 percent of its funds to distressed counties or distressed areas in the Appalachian region. The Committee continues to believe this should be the primary focus of the ARC." The bill is expected to come to the House floor in the next few weeks.

The Senate appropriations subcommittee approved its version of the legislation on Tuesday.

### Budget

The proposed 2014-2015 budget was included in the packets. The board inquired about the substantial increase in rent to the Business Resource Center. It was noted that the increase was to cover any costs the Business Resource Center may incur above other rents being brought in and may not be totally spent. It was agreed that the planning board needed to support the Business Resource Center as it has in the past.

Kier Dirlam made a motion to approve the budget, Ted Hopkins seconded the motion and it carried.

### Staff Update

Jonathon Mayr has been hired to replace Courtney Waters. He will focus on Stormwater and Transportation as he comes up to speed on GIS.

### Recently Submitted Grant Applications

Two CFA projects: A loan fund for STEDO and a fiber project in Cattaraugus County. One USDA application for LFPP (Local Food Promotion Program). One ARC project that focuses on local food.

### CEDS Update

- Tom reached out to the County Planning Boards and the IDAs for comments and to update the project lists by the end of July.

- To date STW has received Chautauqua County's input.
- Board members to look at the EDA priorities and at the July meeting identify the top 2 projects from each county.
- September 1, the full document will be completed and presented to the board for review.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Audit Abstract**

Ted Hopkins made a motion to approve the Audit Abstract. Jerry Scott seconded the motion and it carried.

#### **Next Board Meetin.**

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on August 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Executive Session**

Crystal Abers made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Jay Gould seconded the motion and it carried. Back in regular session, Jerry Scott made a motion to accept staff salary changes as discussed, Joe Galati seconded the motion and it carried.

#### **Adjournment**

Crystal Abers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ted Hopkins seconded the motion and it carried.

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