



November 20, 2014 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER– Chair Dennis Fagan called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the STC Conference room.

ATTENDANCE

Chemung County – Ted Bennett; Donna Draxler; Ernie Hartman; Randy Reid; Thomas Tranter

Schuyler County –Dennis Fagan

Steuben County – Mark Alger; Amy Dlugos; Joe Hauryski; Scott VanEtten; George Welch

STC Staff – Marcia Weber; Susan Cratsley; Chelsea Robertson; Kemberli Sargent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion duly made (Draxler/VanEtten) and carried, the minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Audit Committee**

a) **Abstract of Claims** – (in packets) the audit committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$13,395.15. On a motion duly made (Tranter/Hartman) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

2. **Budget and Personnel** – Dennis Fagan reported that the Budget and Personnel Committee recommends approval of the proposed STC 2015 Budget (handed out at the meeting) totaling \$978,165. Marcia Weber discussed the recommended budget, fund balance history, and 2015 funding sources. On a motion duly made (Alger/Bennett) and carried, the 2015 budget was approved.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **State-Level Focus Group to Examine ARC Impact: December 8, 2014 in Binghamton – board input is needed.** (in packets)

ARC is marking its 50th year in 2015 by working with its partners to remind the public about the history, mission, and impact of the Commission; to demonstrate changes and progress in the Region and challenges that remain there; and to explain its plans to assist future development. This work includes development of a strategic plan, and for this ARC wants input from local stakeholders. Discussion at the December 8 meeting will include: how ARC funding plays a role in the NY Southern Tier region, how the funding has changed, past projects, and how to make it easier for those who want to apply for ARC funding. The board made

comments and suggestions that Marcia will take to the meeting. Marcia encouraged board members to attend the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Board Appointments for 2015 – Tom Gifford will be leaving the board at the end of his term; Schuyler County has two other board members whose appointments expire at the end of 2014, and those are expected to be reappointed. The terms of all other members of the board expire at the end of 2015.

Ted Bennett, who is retiring from the county legislature, will stay on the STC board as the at-large representative for Chemung County.

2. **Next Board Meeting** - The December 2014 meeting is cancelled. The next meeting of the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board will be on January 22, 2015 (change in normal schedule to the fourth Thursday).

ADJOURNMENT - the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cratsley