



**February 18, 2016
Annual Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER– Chair Donna Draxler called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM in the STC Conference room.

ATTENDANCE

Chemung County – Ted Bennett; Donna Draxler; Randy Olthof; Randy Reid; Thomas Sweet

Schuyler County – Phil Barnes; Kate Bartholomew; Judy McKinney Cherry; Dennis Fagan; Tim O’Hearn; Kristin VanHorn

Steuben County – Amy Dlugos; Joe Hauryski; James Johnson; Robert Nichols; Scott VanEtten; Jack Wheeler

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – On a motion duly made (VanEtten/Hauryski) and carried, the minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Nominating Committee** – Committee Vice Chair Timothy O’Hearn presented the board’s slate of officers for 2016:

Chair	Donna Draxler
Vice Chair	Joe Hauryski
Executive Secretary	Marcia Weber
Treasurer	Patrick Donnelly

On a motion duly made (McKinney Cherry/VanHorn) and carried, the slate of officers was approved.

2. **Audit Committee**

a) **Abstract of Claims** – the audit committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$22,155.63. On a motion duly made (VanEtten/Nichols) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)** – handed out at the meeting - The CEDS was updated and revised on February 16, 2016 by the Economic Development Policy and Strategy Committee based on input from a variety of individuals and community organizations. It was noted that the county profiles are

currently being processed and will be emailed once they are completed. On a motion duly made (Johnson/McKinney Cherry) and carried, the CEDS was approved as presented for submission to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) by March 1, 2016.

2. **Regional Leadership Conference** – The Regional Leadership Conference will be on Thursday, March 31. The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) is presenting several classes for legislators and administration. Registration forms were distributed.
3. **Appalachian Regional Commission Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative** – Marcia Weber explained the new initiative for which ARC received \$50 million to create a more vibrant economic future for coal-impacted communities. This includes businesses that have been affected by the slowdown in coal usage (for coal power plants for example) and by the effect of the cutback in the shipping of coal (felt by the railroads, for instance). Her discussions with ARC revealed that grants are available for a variety of projects that create economic growth. She is asking the board and other groups to suggest businesses that could benefit from this funding. The board noted that this is a great indirect opportunity for small businesses.
4. **Local Development District Conference in Washington, DC, April 3-5** - anyone interested in attending should contact STC.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Other** – there was no other business brought before the board.
2. **Next Board Meeting** - the next board meeting will be on March 17, 2016.

ADJOURN – on a motion duly made (VanHorn/Olthof) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cratsley
Executive Assistant