



January 17, 2013 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER –Chair Joseph Hauryski called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM in the STC Conference room.

ATTENDANCE

Chemung County – Theodore Bennett; Donna Draxler; Randy Reid; Thomas Tranter

Schuyler County – Philip Barnes; Dennis Fagan; Thomas Gifford; Rocky Kambo; Timothy O’Hearn

Steuben County – Amy Dlugos; Joseph Hauryski; James Johnson

STC Staff – Marcia Weber; Susan Cratsley; Chelsea Robertson; Daniel Wilhelm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS –Joe Hauryski welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new board members: Rocky Kambo, Director of Planning, Schuyler County; and Philip Barnes, Schuyler County Legislator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion duly made (Donna Draxler/Dennis Fagan) and carried, the minutes of the November 15, 2012 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Audit Committee**

- a) **Abstract of Claims** – Thomas Tranter reported that the audit committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$49,518.72. On a motion duly made (Thomas Tranter/James Johnson) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

2. **Budget and Personnel**

- a) **2013 STC Cost Allocation Plan** (distributed at meeting) - Joe stated that the budget and personnel committee approved the 2013 cost allocation plan and recommends approval by the board. Marcia Weber gave a brief overview of the plan. On a motion duly made (Dennis Fagan/Tom Gifford) and carried, the cost allocation plan for 2013 was approved.
- b) **Grant Application with NYS Association of Regional Councils** – the NYSEDA funding applied for through the NYS Association of Regional Councils was not awarded.
- c) **Update on STC Lease** – Marcia reported that STC and the Krog Corporation, STC’s landlord, have come to a verbal agreement regarding the lease, although the amount still needs to be finalized.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Conference**--Marcia reported that the Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA) Conference in Washington, DC will be on March 10–12, 2013. This conference provides an excellent opportunity to learn about Appalachian Regional Commission (and STC's) programs, opportunities, and funding as well as the status of other federal funding and legislation. Valuable information is shared by both ARC and the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), which cooperates on programming. Board members are encouraged to attend, with STC paying the expenses. Anyone interested should let STC know as soon as possible.
2. **Telecommunications Update** – Marcia reported that the Southern Tier Network is approximately one-third complete with the building of the fiber network. It is already being used by the Schuyler Hospital. She encouraged board members to look at the STN website at www.southerntiernetwork.org for an updated progress map.
3. **Keuka Lake Grant** – Chelsea Robertson reported that STC received a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) grant for the Keuka Lake Watershed Management Plan. The program will begin in August 2013 and run through September 2016 for education, outreach and development of an action plan. The grant award is for \$134,000, of which STC receives \$57,600.
4. **Proposed New Staff Position** – Chelsea reported that STC is currently looking for a part time planner with land use experience. She has posted the position on several websites. She asked that anyone who knows of an available, experienced planner should please have him/her contact STC.
5. **Intergovernmental Review**

Chemung County

12-30 Emergency Vehicle Equipment Purchase

Project Applicant: Village of Elmira Heights

Description: purchase of a heavy duty plow truck and police patrol car

Federal Agency: USDA Rural Development

Cost: Federal: \$187,911 Applicant: \$10,000 Total: \$197,911

On a motion duly made (Ted Bennett/Amy Dlugos) and carried, the intergovernmental review application was approved.

6. **I-86 Website/Travel Guide** – Ted Bennett distributed and gave a brief overview of the contents of the new I-86 Travel Guide. He encouraged board members to look at the website at www.ny-i86.net. He said that the new Travel Guide will be out in May.

Ted distributed and discussed the resolution from the Orange County Legislature urging the Governor and NYS to fund and expedite the completion of the Interstate 86 projects in Orange, Sullivan, Delaware, and Broome Counties to help these regions become more competitive and have the ability to attract substantial growth in business, industry, and tourism as well as improve the safety of traveling public.

The group discussed I-99 construction and possible delays in Pennsylvania.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Board Member Update** – new members introduced previously.
2. **STC Committees** – Anyone wishing to be put on or taken off a committee should please let STC know. The committee roster is on the STC website. Anyone who would like a hard copy should contact STC.
3. **Appointment of 2013 Nominating Committee** - The 2013 nominating committee was appointed as follows:
 - Chemung County – Tom Tranter – Vice Chair
 - Schuyler County - Tim O’Hearn – Chair
 - Steuben County - James Johnson
4. **Next Board Meeting** - the next board meeting will be on February 21, 2013 and will include the election of officers.
5. **Old Business** – Tom Tranter noted that the next Regional Economic Development Council meeting will be February 6. He hopes the application from the Southern Tier Network for expansion to Broome County will be approved by that time.

Tom reported on the New York Works Program started by the Governor to accelerate projects. The Patterson Bridge in Corning has been selected, and construction will begin in February 2013 and end in November 2013.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cratsley