

The logo features a yellow outline of the Southern Tier region of New York. Inside the outline, three small colored squares (brown, green, and purple) are arranged in a row. The text "Southern Tier Central" is written in a blue serif font, with "Regional Planning & Development Board" in a smaller, black sans-serif font below it.

**Southern Tier Central**  
Regional Planning & Development Board

## July 18, 2013 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER– Chair Dennis Fagan called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM in the STC Conference room.

### ATTENDANCE

**Chemung County** – Theodore Bennett; Donna Draxler; Ernie Hartman

**Schuyler County** –Dennis Fagan

**Steuben County** – Mark Alger; Amy Dlugos; Jamie Johnson; Scott Van Etten

**STC Staff** – Marcia Weber; Susan Cratsley; Jennifer Marotto; Chelsea Robertson; Dan Wilhelm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Dennis Fagan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion duly made (Scott VanEtten/Amy Dlugos) and carried, the minutes of the June 20, 2013 meeting were approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1. **Audit Committee**

- a) **Abstract of Claims** – (in packets) The audit committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$16,331.76. On a motion duly made (Scott VanEtten/Mark Alger) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

2. **Budget and Personnel** – the committee discussed the \$.50 per square foot or the CPI increase (whichever is less) for the STC office lease beginning in 2015 and found that acceptable.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. **Foodways Tour – ARC and NYS Secretary of State** – On June 27, Federal Co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission, Earl Gohl; the NYS Secretary of State, Cesar Perales; and several STC staff and board members participated in the successful tour focusing on food and its expanding role in economic development. Representatives from wineries, agritourism, hospitality, and other food and drink producers talked about their concerns and needs; what would help them, such as exemption from the NY tariff when sending wines to Canada; and regional branding.
2. **ARC Appropriations** –ARC notified STC of an amendment calling for zero funding for all commissions, including ARC. Marcia called Member of Congress Tom Reed, who supported ARC in the past with an appropriation request. Tom again supported ARC; the amendment was defeated.
3. **Senator Gillibrand's Visit** – Senator Gillibrand visited Schuyler County on July 12 to report on her broadband bill, which made it into the Senate version of the Farm Bill and now awaits House action. The Broadband Connections for Rural Opportunities Program (B-CROP) targets federal funds to rural areas to ensure access to broadband technology.
4. **Southern Tier Network** – The STN and Axxess Ontario boards of directors had a joint meeting to discuss networking, exploring economic development opportunities, increasing communication, and collaborating to meet needs. IDAs and other economic developers also attended this meeting to better understand the ways they can market the technology.  
  
STN is applying for funding from the Regional Economic Development Council for funding to expand the network into NY's Tioga and Broome Counties.
5. **Annual Dinner Date for 2014** – due to the school break in April 2014, the STC Annual Dinner will be a week later than usual. It will be held on April 24, 2014 at the Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen. STC will be celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **Grant Update** – Jennifer Marotto, STC Planner, reported that STC is working on a CFA grant from NYSERDA to help municipalities do comp and land use regulation plans in Schuyler County.

Jennifer is working on a Brownfield Redevelopment grant for the Hickling Station location in East Corning. Possibilities include redeveloping the land into a park with town homes and/or condos.

2. **Intergovernmental Review**

### Steuben County

#### **1314 – Rural Housing Preservation Grant**

Project Applicant: Arbor Housing and Development

Description: for home repairs for very low income homeowners throughout Steuben County.

Federal Agency: USDA Rural Development

Cost: Federal: \$\$38,813 Other: \$38,813 Total: \$77,626

On a motion duly made (Mark Alger/Donna Draxler) and carried, the intergovernmental review was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Cancellation of August Meeting/Next Board Meeting** –the board agreed to cancel the August meeting. The next meeting of the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board will be on September 19, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Cratsley