



September 20, 2012 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Joseph Hauryski called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM in the STC Conference Room.

ATTENDANCE:

Chemung County: Theodore Bennett; John Burin; Thomas Tranter

Schuyler County: Thomas Gifford; Timothy O’Hearn

Steuben County Amy Dlugos; Joe Hauryski; James Johnson; Mark Ryckman; George Welch

STC Staff: Marcia Weber; Susan Cratsley; Victoria Ehlen; Dan Wilhelm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion duly made (Jamie Johnson/Thomas Tranter) and carried, the minutes of the July 19, 2012 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Audit Committee**

- a) **Abstract of Claims** – Thomas Tranter reported that the Audit Committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$51,428.14. On a motion duly made (Thomas Gifford/Ted Bennett) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

2. **Budget and Personnel** – the Budget and Personnel Committee met prior to tonight’s meeting and reviewed the following:

- a) **Personnel Update** –Meghan Thoreau, STC Planner, has resigned to accompany her husband to a new job in South Dakota. There are no plans to fill the position at this time.
- b) **Update on Lease** – the current STC lease expires at the end of 2012. It is being negotiated and will be brought back to the board at a later meeting.
- c) **2013 Budget Review Date** – the Budget and Personnel Committee will meet on November 1, 2012 to discuss the STC budget for 2013, and the 2013 budget will be presented at the November STC board meeting.

BOARD ACTION

1. **ARC Project Review and Ratings** – T. Tranter on behalf of the Economic Development Policy Committee and Amy Dlugos on behalf of the Regional Human Services Committee gave a brief overview of the applications received by STC for fiscal year 2013 Appalachian Regional Commission funding. Each application was reviewed by one of the two committees.

The Southern Tier Regional Training Center (1308) was considered premature by the Regional Human Services Committee and was not rated.

The **TOTAL AMOUNT OF ARC FUNDS REQUESTED** is **\$659,989**. The projects and scores are as follows:

Number	Project Name Descriptions	Score	Project ARC Amount	Match	Total Project Cost	Project Sponsor
1304	Southern Tier Network Marketing to develop a marketing plan and promotional materials for the Southern Tier Network Fiber Optic Infrastructure.	75	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$70,000	STEG
1301	Wayland Business Park W/S for the extension of municipal water and sewer lines to serve a 150 acre multi-tenant business park in the Town of Wayland. The part will ultimately serve up to 1.2 million sq. ft. of development.	70	\$150,000	\$1,280,000	\$1,430,000	SCIDA
1307	Regional STEM Education Center renovate existing 14,400 square foot horse stable into classroom space for STEM education.	70	\$149,989	\$150,711	\$300,700	Wings of Eagles
1303	Southport Economic Development Strategy to develop a development strategy for the Town of Southport.	69	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	T. of Southport
1302	Schuyler Hospital Data Center Upgrade upgrade and enhance the primary data center equipment providing improved Information Technology to the Health Care Information Systems servicing the Schuyler Hospital main campus and all affiliated satellite facilities via installation and implementation of a new technology data server farm.	66	\$150,000	\$202,810	\$352,810	Schuyler Hospital Inc.

1306	Prattsburgh W.D. Improvements will correct various deficiencies in the Prattsburgh Water District, including cleaning and restoration of wells, refurbishment of iron/manganese treatment systems, replacement of water main, and other improvements. Will result in modernization of the system and restoration of long term reliability and service.	65	\$150,000	\$1,680,000	\$1,830,000	T. of Prattsburgh
1308	Southern Tier Regional Training Center creation of Regional Training Center	N/R	\$63,329	\$98,465	\$161,794	CSS WFNY

Total ARC request \$723,318

TOTAL RECOMMENDED ARC PROJECTS FOR FY 2013 \$659,989

On a motion duly made (Thomas Tranter/Timothy O’Hearn) and carried, the board approved the ARC ratings and recommended that the applications be sent to the NYS Department of State as STC’s priority projects. Projects are due to the State by October 1, 2012.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- Appalachian Regional Commission Program Updates** – the continuing resolution that was passed by the House last week included ARC funding for the next 6 months at the FY 2012 level, plus an across-the-board increase of 0.612 percent. That will result in an additional \$418,000 for ARC, for a total annual funding level of approximately \$68,681,000 for 2013. The legislation also contained a provision extending ARC’s sunset date until March 27, 2013. The continuing resolution is waiting for action by the Senate.
- Southern Tier Network (STN) Application** - Southern Tier Network is working on a grant application to extend the network to the Binghamton area. \$25 million has been designated by NYS for broadband projects, with applications due October 4, 2012. The Governor will travel to each region in November to review the broadband projects and others submitted for funding through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process. Funding decisions will be announced in December. Only two Regional Economic Development Councils have broadband as their top priority, and the Southern Tier REDC is one.

A map with construction updates on the status of the network will be on the STN website at www.southerntiernetwork.org . This update will be important for economic developers in their discussions with businesses.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **Cleaner Greener Project** - The project team met to discuss the implementation plan. There will be both a 20 year plan and 5 year plan for what needs to be done for economic development, sustainable development, and the reduction of greenhouse gases.

Stakeholder meetings will be held on October 9, 2012 in Corning during the day, with a public meeting at night to get input on the plans. Marcia encouraged board members to go to the website at www.cleanergreenersoutherntier.org to provide their input into the plans and to get more information about this project.

2. **Intergovernmental Review**

Chemung County

12.25 – Design Off Airport Obstruction Beacon Rehabilitation

Project Applicant: Elmira/Corning Regional Airport

Description: design for rehabilitation of 15 off airport obstructions beacons.

Federal Agency: FAA

Cost: Federal: \$72,000 State: 44,000 Local: \$4,000 Total: \$80,000

Victoria explained the project, after which, on a motion duly made (Mark Ryckman/John Burin) and carried, the intergovernmental review application was approved.

3. **Other - STC Representation on REDEC Board of Directors** – Marcia noted that Thomas Gifford, STC's board representative to the REDEC Board, is leaving the REDEC board. Mark Ryckman expressed interest in being appointed by STC to the REDEC board.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **New Business** – no new business.
2. **Next Board Meeting** –The next meeting of the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board will be on October 18, 2012.
3. **Other** – The board discussed the value of having STC involved in negotiations regarding levees and other flood control issues. They said Janet Thigpen was an invaluable resource, and they appreciated the conference call she had arranged with other communities facing similar issues.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made (Thomas Tranter/Jamie Johnson) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cratsley