



February 20, 2014 Minutes

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

ATTENDANCE

Chemung County – Theodore Bennett; Donna Draxler

Schuyler County – Philip Barnes; Dennis Fagan; Thomas Gifford; Kristin VanHorn

Steuben County – Amy Dlugos; James Johnson; George Welch, Jr.; Scott Van Etten

STC Staff – Marcia Weber; Susan Cratsley; Victoria Ehlen; Chelsea Robertson; Dan Wilhelm

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Nominating Committee** – Committee Chair Thomas Tranter submitted in writing the nominated STC board officers for 2014-2015. They are as follows:

Chair	Dennis Fagan
Vice Chair	Donna Draxler
Executive Secretary	Marcia Weber
Treasurer	Patrick Donnelly

On a motion duly made (VanEtten/Johnson) and carried, the slate of officers was approved.

2. **Audit Committee** -- Abstract of Claims -- Committee Vice Chair Scott Van Etten reported that the audit committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$6,121.58. On a motion duly made (Gifford/Welch) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

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Marcia D. Weber – Executive Director

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. **Southern Tier Network Update** – Marcia gave an update on the progress of the Southern Tier Network (STN). She stated that 191 miles of the backbone have been completed and 30 laterals constructed. The Bath to Naples section is underway. When that is completed, it will be the completion of the network ring. STN currently has 15 contracts, connecting 89 locations. ECC (STN consultant) is working on obtaining additional customers.

The Regional Economic Development Council awarded STN a grant in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the expansion of the network east into Tioga and Broome Counties including connections to Cornell, Binghamton, and Alfred Universities

A news conference is being planned in the near future.

2. **Planner Position** – STC has interviewed several candidates for the planner position, and a second round of interviews will take place next week. The position has been upgraded to full time.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **I-86** – Ted Bennett noted that it was 18 years ago that STC signed a resolution calling for the designation of Route 17 as a federal interstate highway. Route 17 now is I-86. More information and a schedule of upcoming projects are available at the I-86 website, www.i86.biz.
2. **Economic Development Report** – Victoria Ehlen reported that the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) needs a complete rewrite every 5 years, and is now in its 3rd year. At this time, she would like to implement an economic development addendum to the CEDS to include slip sheets for developable, available property. This will involve mapping of available. She will expand community input into the CEDS by hosting a table at STC's Regional Leadership Conference in April and by sending a survey to the municipalities. She will be asking for input from the counties, communities, and the CEDS committee in the near future.
3. **Update on NYSERDA Grant** – STC will receive almost \$240,000 over three years to work with Schuyler County to update its Comprehensive Plan with energy efficiency-related goals, objectives, and strategies. The updated plan will be used to create a "Guide to Environmental Planning in Schuyler County," including model zoning regulations, Comprehensive Plan amendments, and energy-related laws. Work should begin in the summer of 2014.
4. **Regional Leadership Conference** – The conference will be on April 2 and 3, 2014. Information is on the STC website at www.stcplanning.org.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Committee Review/Assignments** – Anyone wishing to join or change a committee should let STC know. The committee roster is on the STC website, with hard copies available from STC.
2. **Next Board Meeting** - the next board meeting will be on March 20, 2014.
3. **STC Annual Dinner** – Marcia noted that the STC Annual Dinner is on April 24, 2014 at the Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen. The keynote speaker will be Dr. David Morse, Chief Technology Officer at Corning Inc.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cratsley
Executive Assistant