



September 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER– Chair Joseph Hauryski called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM in the STC conference room.

ATTENDANCE

Chemung County – Ted Bennett; Donna Draxler; Ernie Hartman; Thomas Tranter; Nicolette Wagoner
Schuyler County – Dennis Fagan; Judy McKinney Cherry; Timothy O’Hearn
Steuben County – Amy Dlugos; Joe Hauryski; Steven Maio; Robert Nichols; Jack Wheeler
STC Staff – Marcia Weber; Maggie Costello; Susan Cratsley, Victoria Ehlen; Brittany McKerlie; Chelsea Robertson; Stephanie Yezzi

INTRODUCTIONS – Nicolette Wagoner, Commissioner, Chemung County Planning, was introduced to the board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – On a motion duly made (Wheeler/Dlugos) and carried, the minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. **Auditor Selection** – STC received three responses to the RFP sent out for independent auditor. The bid of current auditor Richard McNeilly was accepted for 2018, 2019, and 2020.
2. **Personnel Items** – Susan Cratsley, STC Executive Assistant, will be retiring in October. The board wished her well in her future endeavors.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. **Abstract of Claims** – the audit committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$19,943.60. On a motion duly made (Tranter/Draxler) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Application Review and Ratings** – Victoria Ehlen presented the list of projects that had been received by STC and reviewed and rated by the Regional Human Services Committee or the Economic Development Policy and Strategy Committee. One project that had been reviewed was later withdrawn (State Route 54 Bus Service Expansion). The list with the committees’ recommended scores is as follows:

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION
Fiscal Year 2018

SOUTHERN TIER CENTRAL REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
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Number	Project Name and Descriptions	Score	Project ARC Amount	Match	Total Project Cost	Project Sponsor
1801	State Route 54 Bus Service Expansion The grant proposal from Steuben County is for implementation funds to add more trips per day, and add hours to the day of public transport between Bath and Hammondsport, as well as adding first ever weekend bus services between the two villages.	NA	=\$17,500	=\$17,500	=\$35,000	Steuben County Planning Department
1802	Manufacturing Technology Advancement Project (MTAP) The project will provide CCC with the laboratory space and state-of-the-art equipment necessary to implement a ladder education and training program that will meet the demands of today's manufacturing industry. Furthermore, the addition to active learning simulator technology will allow instructors to implement 21 st century collaborative learning in the classroom.	97	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000	Corning Community College
1803	Daniel Zenker Drive Water Looping Project Construction of an interconnection along Daniel Zenker Drive from Palmer Road to Hillview Drive, and then under I-86 to the Canal Street interconnection to improve circulation and flows to the area and downtown Big Flats.	89	\$150,000	\$260,982	\$410,982	Town of Big Flats
1804	Finger Lakes Farm County Project The Finger Lakes Farm Country project will leverage natural assets and promote agri-tourism opportunities in five counties to improve traffic to agricultural businesses and increase tourism to the area.	91	\$51,000	\$51,381	\$102,381	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Steuben County
1805	Pilot Food Processing Business Incubation Program Develop a business incubation program to grow startup/small food/beverage processors, both farm based and factory based, to reach regional/national markets through technical assistance and online food sector resources portal; create good-paying jobs and manufacturing investment.	78	\$67,728	\$67,728	\$135,456	TCAD Foundation dba FLRPNet

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1806	Town of Big Flats Economic Development Planning Study Expansion This project will provide the Town with a professionally produced economic development plan that leverages the substantial assets of the town to create an optimal climate for synergistic economic growth throughout the I-86 Innovation Corridor.	93	\$30,000	\$31,590	\$61,590	Town of Big Flats

Total \$448,728 \$561,681 \$1,010,409

This year's ARC Request \$448,728 \$561,618 \$1,010,409

TOTAL RECOMMENDED ARC PROJECTS FOR FY 2018 \$448,728

The projects and their scores were recommended to the board for approval and submission to NYS and ARC. On a motion duly made (Dlugos/Fagan), and carried, the 2018 ARC Applications were approved for submission to NYS and ARC.

2. **Planning in Water's Way** – Empire State Development approved the revised application submitted by STC for the Planning in Waters Way project. The project will start in early 2018.

3. **NYS Association of Regional Councils** – Marcia attended the quarterly meeting of this organization. It included a discussion with state agency representatives working on the 2020 Census. There is concern that the proposed 2018 federal budget has no mention of the Census. Usually, work to identify all addresses to ensure public participation has begun by now and much work is done over the next 2 ½ years. However, the funding does not seem to be there for the work needed for the 2020 Census. New York State is getting involved in order to make sure that as many people as possible are counted, given that federal dollars are often awarded based on population. The planning departments of the 3 STC counties have worked on the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) in the past and are committed to working on LUCA now. STC will help to spread the word about the necessity to collect valid addresses for the next Census.

4. Intergovernmental Review

New York State

1713 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI State Capacity Grant from EPA)

Project Applicant: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Description: funds will be used to protect and restore the Great Lakes ecosystem by implementing the binational Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement provisions.

Federal Agency: US EPA

Cost: Federal: \$200,000 Total: \$200,000

On a motion duly made (Dlugos/Hartman) and carried, the intergovernmental review was approved

with the comment that the funding be used to implement management practices that reduce nutrients and other pollutants and that it not be used to support existing NYS Department of Environmental Conservation staff.

5. **Other** – Chelsea Robertson updated the board regarding the concern that several cell phone service providers are looking to put up cell towers every mile along I-86 between Corning and Horseheads. The towers would be 50 feet from I-86; the tower construction companies say they are required to be that close to provide full LTE service that allows for not only cell phone calls but also video streaming. Chelsea provides planning assistance to planning boards that are being asked to approve the towers and was interested in the board’s opinions about the pros and cons of this development.

It was reported that a 400 acre solar farm west of Watkins Glen International will be built. It will be the largest solar facility in NYS. The energy from this solar farm will go back into the grid.

Tim O’Hearn, Judy McKinney Cherry, and Kristin VanHorn were congratulated for their successful work on the Watkins Glen application for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative award.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **2018 Calendar** – the 2018 calendar was distributed.
2. **Next Board Meeting** – the next meeting will be on October 19, 2017.

ADJOURN – on a motion duly made (McKinney Cherry/Hartman) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cratsley
Executive Assistant