

February 16, 2012 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; John Burin; Randy Reid; Thomas Tranter

Schuyler County: Kate Bartholomew; Dennis Fagan; Danielle Hautaniemi; Thomas Gifford; Timothy O’Hearn

Steuben County: Mark Alger; Joseph Hauryski; James Johnson; Robert Nichols; Scott VanEtten

STC Staff: Marcia Weber; David Bubniak; Susan Cratsley; Chelsea Robertson; Dan Wilhelm

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Joe Hauryski welcomed everyone to the meeting. New Board Member James Johnson, Steuben County IDA, was introduced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion duly made (Mark Alger/Thomas Gifford) and carried, the minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Audit Committee**

- a) **Abstract of Claims** – Thomas Tranter reported that the Audit Committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$53,918.08. On a motion duly made (Thomas Tranter/Scott VanEtten) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

2. **Budget and Personnel**

- a) **2012 Cost Allocation Plan** – Marcia described the 2012 Cost Allocation Plan. After discussion, on a motion duly made (Dennis Fagan/Mark Alger) and carried, the 2012 Cost Allocation Plan was approved as written.
- b) **2012 Budget** – The Appalachian Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration grants each was for \$10,000 more than in the original 2012 budget. On a motion by Dennis Fagan and a second by Scott Van Etten, the board voted to accept the increases.
- c) **STC Personnel Policies** – Joe Hauryski reported that the Executive Director suggested several changes to the STC Personnel Policies. The committee will review these and discuss at a future meeting. Any changes would come to the

board for approval.

3. **Nominating Committee -**

a) **Report** – Chair Thomas Tranter presented the board's slate of officers for 2012. They are as follows:

Chair	Joseph Hauryski
Vice Chair	Dennis Fagan
Executive Secretary	Marcia Weber
Treasurer	Patrick Donnelly

b) **Vote on 2012 STC Board Officers** – On a duly made (Thomas Tranter/Thomas Gifford) and carried, the slate of officers for 2012 – 2013 was approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. **ARC and EDA Future Funding** – Marcia reported on the President's FY2013 budget. Regarding funding that is especially relevant to STC's work, she reported that the Appalachian Regional Commission's non-highway programs and operations would have a 5% reduction, with funding for Local Development Districts (which includes STC) maintained at \$6.2 million.

EDA funding in the President's FY2013 budget would be as follows:

- Planning Program cut to \$27 million, \$2 million below FY12 and \$4 million below FY11.
- Public Works cut to \$65.2 million, \$46 million below FY12 and \$93 million below FY11
- Economic Adjustment Assistance increased by \$15.14 million to \$65.2 million
- Technical Assistance level funded at \$12 million
- Regional Innovation Strategies Account \$25 million: the Administration proposes this new account to promote regional innovation clusters and fund federal interagency initiatives. The program would support EDA's proposed Science Park loan guarantee program in the amount of \$7 million to support up to \$100 million in loan guarantees.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **Update on the Web GIS Server** – Dave Bubniak described the Web GIS Server and noted that it has been getting about 1,000 hits per month, most of them in Chemung County.
2. **State Archives Grant** – Chelsea Robertson is developing a State Archives Grant application that would benefit all the municipalities in the Southern Tier Central Region. The grant would fund STC to collect all local land-use laws and zoning maps within the three counties, digitizing them and posting them on an online database for use by the public, applicants, and municipalities. She asked the county leaders to help by encouraging their municipalities to sign a shared service agreement that she has sent to all municipalities. The application is due by March 1, 2012. She will send a list of who has already signed the agreement and who cannot because they are submitting their own application.

3. **Seneca Lake Watershed Management Plan Update** – the draft of the Seneca Lake Watershed Management Plan will be available soon. There will be a public meeting on March 7, 2012 in Seneca Falls.

A question was asked about hydrilla, which was found in the inlet of Cayuta Lake; it is very invasive, spreading quickly, and would have a significant impact on the Finger Lakes Region. On a motion duly made (Timothy O'Hearn/Dennis Fagan) and carried, STC will send a letter to local leaders supporting funding for the prevention of hydrilla in the Finger Lakes.

4. **Regional Leadership Conference Update** – Chelsea Robertson reported that for the first time, the Regional Leadership Conference will be for two days, April 11 and 12, 2012, rather than one, and she encouraged all board members to attend.
5. **I-86 Resolution** – (in handouts) Ted Bennett gave an overview of the progress of I-86 since conception in 1999. On a motion duly made (Thomas Tranter/Theodore Bennett) and carried, the I-86 resolution was approved.

6. **Intergovernmental Review**

Chemung County

New York State

12-03 Reduction in Nutrients and Sediment Loads from NY

Project Applicant: Tioga County SWCD

Description: 2012 reduction of nutrients and sediments from New York to the Chesapeake Bay

Federal Agency: US EPA – Region 3

Cost: Federal: \$500,000 Other: \$500,000 Total: \$1,000,000

Marcia Weber described the project. On a motion duly made (Scott VanEtten/Mark Alger) and carried, the intergovernmental review application was approved.

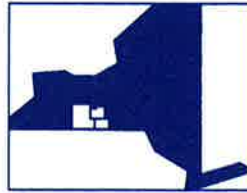
OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Committee Review/Assignments** – Board members have selected committees. Marcia will provide orientation for new board members and update the committee list as needed.
2. **Old Business** – there was no old business.
3. **New Business** – there was no new business.
4. **Next Board Meeting** –The next board meeting will be March 15, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made (Mark Alger/Scott VanEtten) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:15

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cratsley
Recording Secretary



**RESOLUTION TO GOVERNOR CUOMO AND THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO
ADVANCE FUNDING AND EXPEDITE COMPLETION OF I-86 IN BROOME, DELAWARE,
SULLIVAN, AND ORANGE COUNTIES, AND PLACE SIGNAGE RECOGNIZING THE
DESIGNATION OF THE
DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 86**

WHEREAS, Governors have made commitments to the revitalization and improvement of the economy of "Upstate" New York; and

WHEREAS, Steuben County, along US Route 15 (Corridor U-1 I-99), Chemung County and twelve other counties along the US Route 17 (Corridor T I-86) corridor make up the three Local Development Districts in the thirteen state Appalachian Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, US Route 15 is the only north/south route in Central Pennsylvania that serves as a vital and direct link between western New York and Canada and the ports of Baltimore and Philadelphia and the mid-Atlantic states; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pataki committed to a ten-to-twelve year construction program to complete the Route 17 conversion to I-86 beginning with the first designation (177 miles Chemung County west to Pennsylvania) on December 3, 1999; and

WHEREAS, completing the I-99 U-1 Corridor fulfills the desires of both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of New York to accelerate economic development opportunities in this area of Appalachia as well as respond to the increasing traffic volumes (primarily commercial vehicles) in the Route 15 Corridor since the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the New York State and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation are in the final stages of completing the conversion of Route 15 to Interstate standards (I-99) to meet New York State I-86 (July 2014); and

WHEREAS, the designation of New York State Route 17 to I-86 and Route 15 to I-99 provides a highway network with connection to every Interstate Highway located within New York State and Interstate Highways leading into Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the upgrade and designation of Route 17 as I-86 will make the region more competitive and able to attract substantial growth in business, industry, and tourism as well as improve the safety of the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the New York I-86 Economic Development Benefit Study, issued in January 2000, which was widely accepted and quoted at all levels of government, called for an aggressive eight-year construction period that would result in a 3.2 billion dollar direct economic benefit to communities along the I-86 Highway Corridor once the conversion has been completed; and

WHEREAS, with proper funding and resources for the remaining projects in Broome, Delaware, Sullivan, and Orange Counties, the conversion of Route 17 to I-86 could be completed many years sooner than on the present schedule, and it would provide the vast economic benefits to the region foreseen by the Appalachian Regional Commission in its study entitled "Economic Impact of Completing the Appalachian Development Highway System," which states in pertinent part that "Completion of the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) would yield significant economic benefits for both the Appalachian Region and the nation...By facilitating national freight flows, reducing travel times, improving safety, and enhancing access to markets, completion of the ADHS would create new jobs and greater value-added activity, returning \$3 in economic benefits to the nation for every \$1 spent to complete the system;" and

WHEREAS, the Three Rivers Development Foundation, utilizing funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission, has developed an Economic Blueprint, which was released in June 2009 for the I-86/I-99 Corridor in Southeast Steuben County utilizing properties that have the potential for providing sustainable future economic development opportunities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board does hereby request Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to advance funding and expedite completion of the projects in Broome, Delaware, Sullivan, and Orange Counties on New York State Route 17 (I-86); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board does hereby further request the placement of signage along I-86 recognizing the designation of this highway system as the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Interstate Highway 86 as decreed by the State of New York; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Honorable Sheldon Silver, Honorable Dean Skelos, Honorable Christopher Friend, Honorable Thomas O'Mara, Honorable Charles Fuschillo, Honorable David Gantt, Honorable Catherine Young, Honorable Thomas Libous, Honorable David Carlucci, Honorable John Bonacic, Honorable William Larkin, Honorable Joseph Giglio, Honorable Daniel Burling, Honorable Gary Finch, Honorable Clifford Crouch, Honorable Peter Lopez, Honorable Nancy Calhoun, Honorable Philip Palmesano, Honorable Annie Rabbit, Honorable Donna Lupardo, Honorable Aileen Gunther, Honorable Andy Goodell, Honorable Thomas Santulli, the Inter-County Association of Western New York, the New York State Association of Counties, and the I-86 Corridor Counties (Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Allegany, Steuben, Tioga, Broome, Delaware, Sullivan, Orange).



Joseph J. Hauryski
Chair

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Date