



Thursday, June 17, 2010 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Tom Santulli called the meeting to order in the STC Conference room at 4:50 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Chemung County – John Burin; Ernie Hartman; Richard Gunderman; Thomas Santulli; Thomas Tranter

Schuyler County – Tom Gifford; Danielle Hautaniemi; Tim Hicks; Paul Marcellus

Steuben County – Mark Alger; Don Creath; Patrick Donnelly; Greg Heffner; Scott Van Etten

Staff – Marcia Weber; Susan Cratsley; Victoria Ehlen; Jennifer Fais; Daniel Wilhelm

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Thomas Santulli welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – the minutes of the May 20, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Scott VanEtten, seconded by Mark Alger, and carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Audit Committee

a) Abstract of Claims – Chair Tom Tranter reported that the Committee reviewed and approved two (2) abstracts were totaling \$22,281.09. On a motion by Tom Tranter, seconded by Ernie Hartman, the abstracts were approved.

2. CEDS Committee

a) Approval of Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Tom Santulli reported that prior to tonight's STC Board meeting, the CEDS Committee met and reviewed the 2011 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and recommended that it be submitted to the STC Board for approval. The CEDS was updated and revised on June 11 by the Economic Development Policy Committee based on input from a variety of individuals and community

organizations. On a motion by Patrick Donnelly, seconded by Tom Gifford, the CEDS was approved as presented and for submission to the Economic Development Administration (EDA), which requires its development. The motion carried.

3. Regional Human Services Committee Chair: Retirement of Greg Heffner – Marcia reported that Greg Heffner will be retiring, and the committee will need a new Chair. She asked that anyone wishing to be on the Regional Human Services Committee or be the Chair, please notify our office. Marcia thanked Greg for his support of STC and his tenure and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. Telecommunications Update

NTIA Grant - Marcia reported that the STE-STC Region Fiber Backbone Initiative project application that was submitted to National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) in March was rated #1 in its category in New York State and has advanced to the due diligence phase in its federal review, indicating that it is a very highly qualified application.

The reviewers requested additional financial information, which was submitted. Now that the project has moved to a higher rank, potential clients and service providers are willing to be even more supportive of the project. The project is officially submitted by Tier Information and Enterprise Resources, Incorporated (TIER), a not-for-profit local development corporation affiliated with the Southern Tier Central and Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Boards. The TIER Board of Directors, which includes representatives from Steuben, Schuyler, and Chemung Counties, will meet next week.

Google Application – Marcia noted that STC has not heard anything from Google about the progress of this application, which is to provide fiber to the home in the Greater Corning Area. Corning Inc. has offered to donate the fiber and provide other equipment; they also volunteered to work with Google to develop the plan for this project.

2. Marcellus Shale Activities – Jennifer Fais reported that the Village of Painted Post has an application in to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) to provide water for drilling companies. Painted Post asked Jennifer to find out the status of the application. Jennifer talked with SRBC and learned that the Town of Erwin, Elmira Water Board, and Village of Painted Post as well as the Binghamton and Cortland wastewater treatment plants have proposed providing water to the drilling companies. During that conversation Jennifer stated that they looked at another range of sources of water, which include wastewater. SRBC stated that they would put that as a high priority as a source of water. Jennifer stated that they didn't want to delay any decisions on current applications for water because SRBC may be signing very quickly on the Painted Post application. They should hear in about three weeks. In about six weeks they could hear about wastewater aspects. Jennifer has spoken to Moody Associates, which has been working with communities for a long time, about sources of water.

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Issues - Jennifer described a letter (in packets) regarding the unfair total maximum daily load allocations made to New York. Jimmie Joe Carl from the Chemung County Stormwater Coalition and Mike Harris from the City of Corning called a meeting with all 28 affected waste water treatment plant operators in the Susquehanna and Chemung Basins to meet with Senators Gillibrand and Schumer's staff. Jennifer noted that Jimmie Joe and Mike Harris were preparing a letter regarding this to be signed by the 28 waste water treatment plant operators. On a motion by Mark Alger, seconded by Scott Van Etten, the Board voted to sign and send the letter.

3. Appalachian Regional Commission

- a) Applications: Marcia reported that the cut off date for 2011 ARC applications was June 14. STC received four applications for economic development and two for human services.

Economic Development projects received were: STEG (Southern Tier Economic Growth): \$15,000 for a "Business Park Development Update;" City of Elmira: \$150,000 for the "Mark Twain Riverfront Park Renaissance;" The Village of Bath: \$150,000 for the "Downtown Pulteney Square Revitalization Project;" The Town of Reading: \$150,000 for the "Town of Reading Water District # 3 Formation."

Human Services projects received were: Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler: \$145,691 for the "Schuyler County Community Farm Project;" Meals on Wheels of Chemung County: \$98,250 for the "Healthy Lifestyles Nutrition Program Expansion." There was some concern from board members about the Meals on Wheels project, but Marcia explained the thorough review process that STC and ARC go through before any project is approved.

Marcia noted that the total ARC funds requested for 2011 is \$708,941. Marcia stated that these projects will be reviewed by appropriate committees, with recommendations brought to the July STC board meeting for board approval.

- b) Visit to the Region by New Federal Co-Chair – Marcia noted that the new Federal Co-Chair, Earl Gohl, will be visiting the southern tier at the end of July to see the region and review ARC projects.

4. Intergovernmental Review

New York State

1022 Training on Reuse and Recycling of Construction and Demolition Materials in NY

Project Applicant: Northeast Recycling Council, Inc.

Description: to conduct training on reuse and recycling of construction and materials in NY

Federal Agency: EPA

Cost: Federal: \$11,319 Total: \$11,319

Jennifer reported that this application is to conduct training on reuse and recycling of construction and demolition materials in NY. On a motion by

Mark Alger, seconded by Thomas Gifford, the intergovernmental review was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. New Business - no new business
2. Next Meeting – the next meeting of the Board will be on Thursday, July 15, 2010, at which point the Board will approve the ratings of the Appalachian Regional Commission applications.

ADJOURNMENT - there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cratsley
Senior Typist