



January 16, 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; Ernie Hartman

Schuyler County – Philip Barnes; Kate Bartholomew; Dennis Fagan; Thomas Gifford; Timothy O’Hearn; Kristin VanHorn

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

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS – Chair Dennis Fagan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On a motion duly made (Hauryski/O’Hearn) and carried, the minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Audit Committee**

- a) **Abstract of Claims** – (in packets) the audit committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$31,067.13. On a motion duly made (Van Etten/ Hauryski) and carried, the abstracts were approved.

2. **Budget and Personnel**

- a) **2014 Cost Allocation Plan** (distributed at meeting) - Dennis stated that the budget and personnel committee approved the 2014 cost allocation plan and recommends approval by the board. Dennis gave a brief overview of the plan. On a motion duly made (Johnson/Hartman) and carried, the cost allocation plan for 2014 was approved.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **ARC Project Update** – at the last meeting the board asked for regular updates on the status of previously funded Appalachian Regional Commission projects. Victoria Ehlen handed out a project status report and discussed it with the board. The board suggested adding to the reports a summary sentence about each project as well as the year it was funded and the county it serves.

2. **Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Project Update** – The BOA final report has been submitted. The application for the next round has not been announced, but Victoria is ready to submit an application when it becomes available.
3. **Primary Freight Network and Other Transportation Issues** - Ted Bennett handed out a letter he sent to USDOT on behalf of the I-86 Coalition regarding the need to include I-86 in the NYS Network Designation for the Federal Highway Administration’s proposed Primary Freight Network. STC and STE sent similar letters. Included with Ted’s letter was an updated I-86 map.

The fall/winter “2013-14 I-86 Travel Guide” is available for those who did not receive a copy.

4. **Tioga Downs Support Letter and/or Resolution** – STC recommends that Tioga Downs be awarded the one available casino license in the Eastern Southern Tier area and drafted a support letter stating this. With no opposition by any board member, the letter will be signed and sent.
5. **Development District Association of Appalachia Annual Conference** - Marcia reported that the Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA) Conference in Washington, DC will be on March 23 - 25, 2014. This conference provides an excellent opportunity to learn about Appalachian Regional Commission (and STC’s) programs, opportunities, and funding as well as the status of other federal funding and legislation. Valuable information is shared by both ARC and the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), which cooperates on programming. Board members are encouraged to attend, with STC paying the expenses. Anyone interested should let STC know as soon as possible. Kristin VanHorn expressed an interest in attending.

6. **Intergovernmental Reviews**

New York State

1320 FY 2014 Sections 106 and 319 of the Clean Water Act

Project Applicant: NYSDEC

Description: assist the department in carrying out New York State’s SFY14/15 Performance Partnership Grant Program

Federal Agency: USEPA

Cost: Federal: \$12,500,000.00 Local: \$8,090,569.00 Total: \$20,590,569.00

On a motion duly made (Mark Alger/Thomas Gifford) and carried, this intergovernmental review was approved.

1322 FY 2014 Section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act

Project Applicant: NYSDEC

Description: assist the department in carrying out New York State's Water Quality Management Planning Program

Federal Agency: USEPA

Cost: Federal: \$1,500,000.00 Total: \$1,500,000.00

On a motion duly made (Mark Alger/Thomas Gifford) and carried, this intergovernmental review was approved with the following comment:

Recommend increased emphasis on protecting water resources, in addition to restoring impaired waters. This can include technical assistance for land use planning, municipal regulations, public education, watershed planning, implementation of watershed plans, flood mitigation, climate adaptation, etc.

7. **Other** – Chelsea Robertson, STC Senior Planner, reported that the STC Regional Leadership Conference will be on April 2 and 3 at Corning Community College. Registration forms will be sent out soon, and board members are encouraged to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Board Member Update** – reappointment of board members is underway by each county. The counties generally send their resolutions to STC as soon as they have been passed, and the STC board list will be updated as appropriate.
2. **STC Committees** – 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.
3. **Appointment of 2014 Nominating Committee** - The 2014 nominating committee was appointed as follows:

Chemung County – Tom Tranter – Chair
Schuyler County - Tim O'Hearn – Vice Chair
Steuben County - Mark Alger
4. **Next Board Meeting** - the next board meeting will be on February 20, 2014. It is the official annual meeting and will include the election of officers.

ADJOURNMENT - on a motion duly made (Alger/Bartholomew) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cratsley
Executive Assistant