



February 21, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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

ATTENDANCE

Chemung County – Nicolette Wagoner; Ernie Hartman; Tom Sweet; Ed Fairbrother; Michael Collins; David Manchester

Schuyler County – Chad Hendrickson; Dennis Fagan; Tim O’Hearn; Phil Barnes; Judy McKinney Cherry; Jim Ryan

Steuben County – Amy Dlugos; Joe Hauryski; Jack Wheeler; Heather Reynolds; Jamie Johnson; Scott VanEtten; Jenn Miller; Steve Maio

STC Staff – Brittany McKerlie; Chelsea Robertson; Victoria Ehlen; Yvonne Terwilliger, Maggie Costello; Janet Thigpen

WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS – Introductions were made and our newest Board members, Michael Collins and Ed Fairbrother, from Chemung County, and Jim Ryan from Schuyler County, were welcomed to the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – On a motion duly made (Hauryski/Wheeler) and carried, the minutes of the meetings on November 19, 2018 and January 17, 2019 were approved.

PRESENTATION – Chelsea thanked Joe Hauryski for his leadership and assistance for the past two years as the STC Board Chair and presented him with a card and gift card.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- a) Dennis Fagan said the Committee had discussion about the STC personnel policy.
- b) Mr. Fagan also reported that STC’s attorney, Jeff Evans, has offered to save us money by switching from a retainer to an hourly rate.
- c) The committee also said they discussed the County Legislator classes at the Regional Leadership Conference set for this year.

2. AUDIT COMMITTEE

- a) **Abstract of Claims** – The audit committee reviewed abstracts totaling \$35,899.75. On a motion duly made (VanEtten/Johnson) and carried, the abstracts were approved

3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Tim O’Hearn listed the slate of officers for 2019, and on a motion duly made (McKinney/Wagoner) and carried, the officers were accepted as follows:

Chair:	Dennis Fagan
Vice Chair:	Tom Sweet
Executive Secretary:	Chelsea Robertson
Treasurer:	Patrick Donnelly

Chelsea Robertson went over the committee assignments for 2019 and will be setting up a time for orientation for the new board members.

REGIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

1. **Regional Leadership Conference** – Chelsea updated the Board on some Conference details. The Conference will be held on Thursday, April 4th. Stephanie Yezzi is in charge of the conference and is doing a great job. We usually average about 340 attendees and about 24 vendors each year. Board members were invited to avail themselves of the registration forms, for themselves and their municipalities.
2. **Intergovernmental Review** – Janet Thigpen

1901 Performance Partnership Grant

Project Applicant: NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Description: Funding from the EPA for staff and incidentals for all of the NYSDEC water programs

Federal Agency: EPA

Cost: Federal: \$12,892,400 Applicant: \$8,156,836 Total: \$21,049,236

On a motion duly made (Johnson/McKinney Cherry) and carried, the intergovernmental review was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Ted Bennett** – Chelsea gave a progress update on the plans to honor board member, Ted Bennett. She has been receiving letters of proclamation for Ted from various Congressional Representatives. Ted spoke via conference call during the meeting to let his friends and fellow board members know that he's now residing at Brookdale, in assisted living, near his family in the Albany area. He's still actively involved in the I-86 project.
2. **Opioid Epidemic** – Chelsea talked about ARC's priority of the opioid epidemic and the link to the workforce. Southern Tier 8 is starting to put together a breakfast type program in April to deal with workforce issues and active recovery. They already have some speakers lined up and were wondering if we would like to participate or have things to share. It was agreed among the board that discussion on a regional level regarding workforce issues is invaluable.
3. **Annual Dinner** – Chelsea reminded everyone that our Annual Dinner this year is on May 9th at the Harbor Hotel in Watkins Glen at 5:00pm.
4. **Next Board Meeting** – The next meeting will be on March 21, 2019

ADJOURN – on a motion duly made (Barnes/VanEtten) and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Terwilliger
Executive Assistant