

Organization River Area Council of Governments
Board Executive Board
Date and Time Tuesday, November 15 2016 at 7:00 PM
Place Village of Carthage Municipal Building, 120 S Mechanic St.,
Carthage NY 13619
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Minutes

**River Area Council of Governments
November 15, 2016**

Members present: M. Bigness, B. Ferguson, D. Leary, W. McIlroy, P. Smith, S. Storms, and R. Vary

Absent: S. Burto

Others: K. Amyot and P. Street

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman McIlroy discussed changing the time of future meetings to 6:00pm. Members concurred.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by R. Vary to approve the minutes of May 11, 2016 as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

K. Amyot reviewed and summarized the circuit rider's report. Ms. Amyot presented a draft revision of the RACOG by-laws to include the V/Deferiet. B. Ferguson pointed out that with five (5) member communities that the Council would be comprised of ten (10) voting members therefore the number to achieve a quorum should be a minimum of seven (7) voting members. Motion by B. Ferguson, seconded by D. Leary to change the number of members for a quorum to seven (7). Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Ms. Amyot advised the Council that the rules and regulations for the operation of the Twin Village pool worked well. Council members reviewed the cost of operation and the approved payments for the 2016 swim program as presented.

Ms. Amyot submitted her proposed work goals for 2017 and advised the Council that her retirement from the Tug Hill Commission will be effective July 26, 2017.

New Business

Council members reviewed a revision of the agreement to provide rules and regulations for the RACOG Cooperative Zoning Board of Appeals. The revision was necessary to include the V/Deferiet as a member. Motion by P. Smith, seconded by M. Bigness to approve the revised agreement as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by B. Ferguson to adopt the 2017 preliminary RACOG ZBA budget as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Ferguson, seconded by M. Bigness to adopt the 2017 preliminary RACOG budget as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Chairman McIlroy discussed his attendance at the SuperCOG meeting. He noted the number of issues that are reiterated annually with little or no substantive progress.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by R. Vary to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by M. Bigness to return to open session. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Ferguson, seconded by M. Bigness to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

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