

Organization River Area Council of Governments
Board Executive Board
Date and Time Thursday, October 12 2017 at 6:00 PM
Place Village of Carthage Municipal Building, 120 S Mechanic St.,
Carthage NY 13619
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2900
Minutes

**River Area Council of Governments
October 12, 2017**

Members present: M. Bigness, B. Ferguson, W. McIlroy, P. Smith, S. Storms,
and J. Zando

Absent: S. Burto, M. Franchini, A. Peck, and T. Stewart

Others: Mickey Dietrich

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by J. Zando to approve the minutes of March 21, 2017 as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

M. Dietrich distributed K. Amyot's final Circuit Rider report.

New Business

B. Ferguson and W. McIlroy reported that M. Dietrich was selected as the new RACOG Circuit Rider. B. Ferguson advised Mr. Dietrich that RACOG is looking forward to working with him on initiatives requested by the Council and recommendations coming from the Circuit Rider that have a commonality and benefit to all of the RACOG communities. Mr. Dietrich discussed his background and described himself as thorough and detailed.

Mr. Dietrich offered a number of informational items and ideas, using a PowerPoint presentation, including the following:

- RACOG website
 - RACOG meeting calendar
 - Community calendar

- Project information and update page
- Municipal websites
- Informational video
- Information gathering and posting tools
 - opendata.gov – for business outreach
 - GIS Gateway
 - Mobile mapping
 - Fact Finder – census data
 - OSC Open Book – share and relay information to public
 - Social media
- Shared Services
 - DPW/Highway Superintendent meeting
 - Reporting and documenting shared services
- Project Management
- Projects/Priorities
 - NY Alerts
 - Wilna-Champion Transportation Association
 - LED street lighting

B. Ferguson discussed the need to have a spokesman for RACOG on the Watertown-Jefferson County Transportation Council to advocate for and facilitate funding opportunities for the Wilna-Champion Transportation Association and suggested Mr. Dietrich be appointed as the representative.

Mr. Dietrich outlined his proposed reporting matrix. B. Ferguson recommended that in lieu of distributing a list of upcoming meetings that the Circuit Rider attend those meetings that he considers relevant to the Council's objectives and provide a synopsis.

Mr. Dietrich discussed projected reduction in the Tug Hill Commission budget and asked the Council to cover the cost of the Circuit Rider's mileage as recorded, documented, and billed by the Commission. He estimated the average expense at \$250.00 per month.

Motion by B. Ferguson, seconded by P. Smith to authorize the payment of mileage for the Circuit Rider at a cost not to exceed \$3000.00 annually to the Tug Hill Commission commencing April 1, 2018.

Motion by J. Zando, seconded by S. Storms to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Christina Vargulick
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 RACOG Secretary