

**River Area Council of Governments
May 21, 2019**

Members present: M. Bigness, J. Der, B. Ferguson, W. McIlroy, R. Schell, P. Smith, T. Stewart, R. Vary, and J. Zando

Absent: S. Burto, F. Fazio, R. Larabee, and A. Peck

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at the V/Carthage Municipal Building, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by M. Bigness, seconded by R. Vary to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019, as presented. Ayes-9, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Presentation

Jessica Waldorf, NYPA, presented an update of the LED street lighting project. Sixteen communities have indicated their participation with eleven signed contracts. Ms. Waldorf suggested a kick-off meeting on June 25, 2019 from 6-8pm, at a location to be determined, to discuss design and expectations. A survey will be sent to all communities prior to the meeting. The V/West Carthage has agreed to act as lead agency for the Local Government Efficiency grant.

Jamie Rogers, ANCA, presented information on the Clean Energy Communities Program and reviewed the high impact actions that a community must demonstrate completion of four out of ten of to receive the designation.

Reports

M. Dietrich submitted the Circuit Rider report and updated the Council on a number of ongoing projects including:

- Resource Management Plan – data will be loaded into the online map portal
- GIS Portal – the portal link is <http://racog.giscloud.com>
- Walkable Communities – the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES is willing to work with communities to build bike racks and parklets.
- Black River Kayak event – Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce is considering an event in October

New Business

- CGI Communications – the Council authorized M. Dietrich to get more information but expressed an aversion to soliciting local businesses as sponsors.

- Future Presenters – the Council discussed asking the Carthage Chamber of Commerce to discuss possible plans for an Oktoberfest and inviting Border Patrol and Customs to present at some time in the future. The Council agreed by consensus to cancel RACOG meetings for June, July and August.
- M. Dietrich plans to navigate the Black River by kayak to map hazards and update the map. He invited all present to join in.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by M. Bigness to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

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