

**River Area Council of Governments  
February 19, 2020**

**Members present:** J. Der, B. Ferguson, W. McIlroy, P. Smith, T. Stewart, S. Storms, R. Vary, and J. Zando

**Absent:** M. Bigness, S. Burto, K. Clarke, F. Fazio, R. Grunert, R. Laribee, M. Moser, R. Schell, and K. Vogt

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

Motion by J. Zando, seconded by P. Smith to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting, as presented. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The following nominations were put forward for RACOG officers:

- Motion by R. Vary, seconded by B. Ferguson to nominate W. McIlroy as Chairman. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by P. Smith to nominate B. Ferguson as Vice-Chairman. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by S. Storms, seconded by R. Vary to nominate C. Vargulick as Secretary/Treasurer. Ayes-8, Nays-0.

M. Dietrich reported that the River Area Visioning Economic Summit has been scheduled for April 23, 2020 at the Zero Dock Street restaurant. Motion by P. Smith, seconded by B. Ferguson to reimburse the cost of refreshments in an amount not to exceed \$200. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.

M. Dietrich discussed the presentations made by Joules Assets, MEGA, and Good Energy at the January 21, 2020 Community Choice Aggregation workshop and asked if the Council wanted more information from the individual companies. W. McIlroy suggested scheduling afternoon sessions so that clerks/treasurers could attend. Motion by B. Ferguson, seconded by P. Smith to issue invitations to Joules Assets, MEGA, and Good Energy to present individually to the Council. Ayes-8, Nays-0. Motion carried.

M. Dietrich reminded members that the BOCES program may provide assistance on certain small construction projects and visual communication materials.

B. Ferguson reported that the appointed ad hoc committee is recommending an annual stipend of \$500 for the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by B. Ferguson, seconded by P. Smith to approve a \$500 stipend for the Secretary/Treasurer as recommended. Ayes-8, Nays-0. The stipend will be included in the 2021 budget.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by P. Smith to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.

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