

River Area Council of Governments
September 26, 2024

Members present: T. Adsit, Y. Boliver, N. Dutton, S. Freeman, R. Grunert, J. Lyng, J. Monnat, L. Smith-Spencer, P. Smith, S. Storms

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:15pm at the T/Wilna Municipal Building. Seven (7) voting members were present.

S. Storms, seconded by T. Adsit to approve the minutes of May 30, 2024 as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Presentations

Christopher Barboza, THC, presented the RACOG Traffic Safety Initiative with an overview of the component communities characteristics, crash data and pending NYSDOT projects. Members questioned if data could be analyzed by month and the species of animal involved in accidents. P. Smith asked if “curb outs” have been proven to lessen the number of car/pedestrian accidents. Motion by T. Adsit, seconded by S. Storms to approve the transportation study as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. C. Barboza will be checking with NYSDOT to determine if CHIPs funds may be used to purchase digital radar signs.

April Roggio, University of Albany, presented the results of the RACOG Network Survey. The most frequently identified goals were quality of life and environmental sustainability. The common barrier to achieving goals was inadequate funding.

Circuit Rider Report

- Approximately forty (40) participants – students and presenters – are expected to attend the October session. Members agreed by consensus to pay for meals for all attendees.
As a complement to the Civil Service Student Activity Program, M. Dietrich and P. Shepherd recommended the formation of a student board to discuss their ideas for the region and to share the ideas at a RACOG meeting. Motion by J. Monnat, seconded by Y. Boliver to approve the formation of a student board. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members reviewed a draft letter opposing proposed OSHA rules for fire departments. Members agreed to submit a letter of opposition to the proposed rules.
- The next meeting will be held January 23, 2025 at 6:00pm at the T/Wilna Municipal Building.

Motion by N. Dutton, seconded by T. Adsit to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

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