

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**January 16, 2019**ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Committee Members Present: D. Decker, K. Graves, G. Barnes, W. Dibble, D. Fanton, B. Harris, C. Crandall

Others Present: T. Boyde, J. Burdick, P. Curran, J. DiPasquale, K. Dirlam, D. Healy, J. Hopkins, C. Knapp, B. Perkins, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, P. Stockin, S. Torrey, M. Washer

Media Present: C. Potter – *The Spectator*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman David Decker.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of December 19, 2018.

COUNTY HISTORIAN

County Historian Craig Braack was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Soil and Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Torrey stated they are currently working on upcoming grants and also getting a lot of design work done.

Ag District Review

Mr. Torrey requested a resolution directing the provision of notice of district review of Agricultural District Number Three. Agricultural Districts are reviewed every eight years pursuant to Section 303-A of the Agriculture and Markets Law. The anniversary date for Agricultural District Number Three is October 7, 2019, and the statutory review process must be completed prior to that date. Mr. Torrey noted that it is essentially a program that provides protection to farmland, looks at nuisances, as well as any neighboring problems. Legislator Harris asked if there are any benefits other than what the program provides. Mr. Torrey stated, no, not outside giving some protection to viable farmland. Legislator Harris asked if there is a final report after the review is complete. Mr. Torrey stated, yes, and it will provide how many acres are enrolled as well as how many are actual farmland. Legislator Harris then asked if this process is time consuming. Mr. Torrey stated it does take some time; however, it's something they have to do. Legislator Healy asked if there will be a public hearing. County Attorney Carissa Knapp stated, yes; however, that step is down the road. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

YOUTH BUREAU

Youth Bureau Director Brian Perkins attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Perkins stated he has spent his first weeks becoming acclimated along with meeting new people.

Monthly Report

Mr. Perkins stated that he has been thinking about how to restructure his monthly report given that the current report the committee is seeing reflects December, and we're half way through January. Mr. Perkins indicated that beginning with the February meeting, and going forward, he will be lining things up a little better so he isn't reporting on things that happened over a month ago. Committee Chairman Decker noted that he spoke with Mr. Perkins prior to the meeting and has asked that if there is anything his department has been doing that he may not be aware of, please let him know so he can make sure nothing slips through the cracks.

Youth Leadership Forum

Mr. Perkins will be attending the Youth Leadership Forum February 4 through February 5. He did put out notice to students who are on the board; however, only heard back from one. After further discussions with other Western New York Coordinators, he decided it is best to attend his first Youth Leadership Forum alone since he is so new to the program.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger was unable to attend the meeting but submitted her monthly report to the committee for review.

Agreement with Agricultural Society for Annual Appropriation

County Attorney Carissa Knapp requested a resolution approving an agreement with the Allegany County Agricultural Society for their \$8,000 appropriation for the 2019 fiscal year. Legislator Harris asked if these funds go towards the maintenance of the museum at the Fairgrounds. Committee Chairman Decker referred to item number two of the resolution that states the money is to be used for grounds and buildings for the improvement of agricultural conditions in the County, when owned and operated by the Society. Legislator Graves noted it primarily assists with keeping up the grounds at the Fairgrounds. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Confidential Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators