

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**February 21, 2018****NOT APPROVED**ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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

Others Present: L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, C. Braack, B. Budinger, J. Burdick, P. Curran, L. Edwards, D. Healy, K. Hollis, R. Hollis, J. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Knapp, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Root, P. Stockin, S. Torrey, M. Washer

Media Present: C. Potter – *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Dibble, seconded by Legislator Barnes, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of January 17, 2018.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Braack stated that in records building #2, the installation of rolling portable files has been completed. Legislator Dibble commented that Mr. Braack's presentation at Mount Morris was great. Legislator Ricci thanked Mr. Braack for his tour, stating it was very informative.

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 Cuba Lake has performed some of their lake dredging in the last couple of weeks; however, due to warmer weather, it has been put on hold. Committee Chairman Decker asked if it's going to get done. Mr. Torrey stated he is hopeful as they still have approximately a month of colder weather. Mr. Torrey stated this year there will be approximately \$32 million in grant funding available through the State Soil & Water Committee for agricultural environmental projects. Mr. Torrey stated the County's eligibility for the State's Agricultural Environmental Management program used for environmental planning for farms has increased from \$85,000 to \$110,000 per year. Legislator Ricci asked if there is any update on the high water in Cuba. Mr. Torrey stated that entire area is a designated flood plain, and at this point in time, the issues are above their level. Mr. Torrey stated they are working on the Van Campen Creek erosion issue behind the Accord building in Friendship. The cost to stabilize the area of the stream is estimated at \$100,000. Committee Chairman Decker asked if that money is their budget. Mr. Torrey stated currently they have nothing in their budget; the funds will need to come through grants.

Youth Bureau

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Edwards stated their Child Family Services Plan has been accepted with no required changes, corrections, or modifications. Ms. Edwards stated she took two youth to the Youth Leadership Forum in Albany. They loved seeing the capital, meeting our representatives, and will be speaking at the February 26 Board meeting.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger attended the meeting and submitted their monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Hunsberger stated they recently hired a Farm to School Coordinator to fulfill the requirements of the grant they received. The position is 20 hours per week for two years. Legislator Harris asked if most districts participate in shared purchasing and menu planning through BOCES. Ms. Hunsberger stated that not all of the schools do. The first year of this project will be a feasibility study and finding the best way to implement it, adding it is a complicated process and some schools may not have the ability to purchase anything besides dairy and apples. Legislator Dibble asked if there is a known cost for the Fassett Green Space in Wellsville, NY. Ms. Hunsberger stated she is not overseeing that project; however, she does believe they have raised \$20,000. Legislator Dibble then asked if they have looked into a grouse program instead of the pheasant program. Ms. Hunsberger stated the pheasant program is free and something they do for the kids.

Good of the Order

Clerk of the Board Brenda Rigby Riehle announced a special Resource Management Committee will be held on Monday, February 26, 2018, immediately following the Board meeting. The purpose of this special meeting is to approve the Cornell Cooperative Extension Agreement.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Washer, Confidential Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
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