

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
March 21, 2018

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

Others Present: T. Boyde, C. Braack, B. Budinger, J. Burdick, P. Curran, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, B. Gajewski, L. Gridley, D. Healy, K. Hooker, J. Hopkins, D. Hubbard, L. Hunsberger, G. James, C. Knapp, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Root, P. Stockin, S. Torrey, B. VanHousen, M. Washer

Media Present: C. Potter – *Wellsville Daily Reporter*, K. Kellogg – *Olean Times Herald*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Dave Decker.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of February 21, 2018.

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Barnes, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of February 26, 2018.

Genesee River Wilds

Genesee River Wilds Board members Ben Gajewski and Dick Hubbard attended the meeting to provide an update on the progress Genesee River Wilds has been making throughout the County since 2008. Mr. Gajewski distributed information to the committee members highlighting some achievements as well as a letter written from William Hart. Genesee River Wilds has been in place for 10 years and has a mission to enjoy, restore, and protect the upper Genesee River corridor. They have opened nine public access sites for canoe and kayak launches, and plan to open an additional three access sites in 2018, on top of the three to four needed to complete the Genesee River Blueway. A tourism map and branding effort is currently in progress for The Genesee River Blueway to package and sell the 165-mile river as a recreational resource for tourists. Genesee River Wilds assisted in opening the 9-mile WAG trail, and has also supported projects such as designating the first NYS Park in Allegany County known as the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park. Mr. Gajewski thanked the County for their past funding efforts and encouraged the Board to consider funding any tourism and recreational based opportunities that will help our County to grow. Mr. Hubbard noted that everything Genesee River Wilds does is based on volunteer work, and everyone they work with is only focused on the revitalization of our County. Legislator Barnes referenced the recent vandalism at the Wellsville Riverwalk, and asked if it is going to be taken care. Mr. Gajewski stated they are looking to get it taken care of quickly, and hope that with more sites coming open, they will have more people looking out and will begin see a decline in these unfortunate events.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Legislator Hopkins asked if they have a theme for History Awareness Week. Mr. Braack stated World War I and World War II are this year's theme and History Awareness Week will begin the last week in September.

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 preparing for construction season and continue to wait for the weather to break. Legislator Ricci asked if there is any update on the Cuba dredging. Mr. Torrey stated at this current time he does not have a good update. They have not made the progress he was hoping and plans to reach out to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) again.

Youth Bureau

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Edwards stated the Department of Social Services will be submitting their Child Family Services Plan by the end of the month, adding that the Youth Bureau's has already been accepted. The Youth Board Dinner will be in mid-April, and for those planning to attend, please RSVP to Ms. Edwards. Ms. Edwards stated they are currently lobbying for funds they would like to see included in the State budget that is currently being negotiated. Ms. Edwards asked that RSVPs for the Top Cop Dinner be sent to her by March 22.

Youth Board Appointments

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards requested that the Chairman of the Board appoint the following as a Youth Members of the Allegany County Youth Board:

Ashley Estabrook	District I	Fill Vacancy
Ethan Rix	District II	

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried.

Ms. Edwards also requested that the Chairman of the Board reappoint the following as members of the Allegany County Youth Board, subject to confirmation by the Board of Legislators:

Kelly Goble	District II
Jack Emrick	District III
Michele Henry	District IV

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Ms. Edwards additionally requested that the Chairman of the Board appoint the following as new members of the Allegany County Youth Board, subject to confirmation by the Board of Legislators:

Kristina Male	District I
Michelle McGraw	District V

This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

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 will be hosting a Lead Renovators Workshop on Thursday, April 19, 2018. This workshop is free and will benefit those who will be disturbing any lead-based paint during renovations. Ms. Hunsberger stated they are currently holding their annual seed sale for 4-H. There are approximately 20 different varieties and sell for \$2 per packet.

Flood Event Update

Committee Chairman Dave Decker briefly discussed the special Resource Management meeting that was held in October 2017 to address the flash flood and tornado the County experienced last year. Committee Chairman Decker continued that at that time, they promised the individuals who attended a follow-up meeting to discuss any new policies and procedures that will be put into place in the event another natural disaster was to occur. After further discussion the committee scheduled a special Resource Management Committee meeting for Wednesday, April, 18, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

Attorney/Client Session

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried to enter into Attorney/Client session at 1:31 p.m. Immediately following discussion at 1:49 p.m., a motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to end the session and return to the regular meeting.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Planning Director Kier Dirlam requested approval of the Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan update for Allegany County. This plan is needed so that Allegany county mitigation projects can continue to be funded by various entities. Mr. Dirlam also requested that a public hearing to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan be set for Monday, April 9, 2018. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Prepare Resolution approving the plan and setting the public hearing date (to come off the floor at the March 26 Board meeting)**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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