

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**April 18, 2018**ALLEGANY COUNTY
BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

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, L. Edwards, D. Healy, J. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Knapp, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, T. Ross, D. Root, P. Stockin, M. Washer

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:03 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 March 21, 2018.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Braack stated the official brochure for History Awareness Week is at the printers and will be distributed soon. Committee Chairman Decker stated he was very pleased to see Vietnam Veterans wearing their hats, pins, as well as being recognized at Mr. Braack's March 22 talk on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Soil & Water Conservation

Soil and Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Committee Chairman Decker noted that Mr. Torrey will be busy with projects in the upcoming months.

Youth Bureau

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Edwards stated with the state budget recently approved, it appears they will be receiving \$300,000 less statewide, and she anticipates the County will see a decrease of \$2,000. Ms. Edwards indicated they are already looking into how they can make up for that loss. The Youth Board Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 18, where three youth will be recognized. Brendan Heaney will be the dinner theater speaker and will portray "John L. Sullivan" who was an 1880s bareknuckle boxing champion who trained for a championship fight in Belfast under the tutelage of William Muldoon.

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 4H enrollments continue to increase, and they attribute this to some new clubs that have recently formed as well as getting the word out in more of our schools. Ms. Hunsberger stated they along with Alfred State are applying for a grant through Appalachian Regional Commission to fund a feasibility study to determine the strategy for growing, curing, processing, and manufacturing industrial hemp in Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties. Ms. Hunsberger emphasized that hemp is not marijuana. Hemp has a THC level of .3 and is grown for a multitude of reasons, primarily for fiber and seed production. Ms. Hunsberger indicated there are a number of farmers interested; however, the grant proposal is not due until October 2018, and they do not

anticipate anything happening until 2019. Committee Chairman Decker asked what kind of land quality a person needs to grow industrial hemp. Ms. Hunsberger stated that will be part of the feasibility study; however, if you can grow corn and/or hay, you can grow hemp. Ms. Hunsberger indicated the difficulty will be the type of equipment needed to harvest it. Empire State Development is putting money towards the development side, and they hope to receive funds from them to acquire equipment. Committee Chairman Decker asked if there are any facilities in the area capable of handling this product. Ms. Hunsberger stated that currently there is not; however, that issue will also be a part of the study. Legislator Harris stated that right now hemp is classified as a controlled substance. Ms. Hunsberger stated there is a lot of legislation currently in the works to declassify hemp from marijuana. Ms. Hunsberger addressed the April 4 and 5 NYS 4-H Spring In-Service Training, stating they are working to increase knowledge and diversity within 4-H such as the acceptance and knowledge of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ). Ms. Hunsberger announced the Belmont Tractor Show will be held on October 20, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Eastwind Landscape Nursery in Belmont, NY. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under the age of 13. Individuals may also bring an item to support local food pantries and animal shelters and receive free entry.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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