

## **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**May 15, 2019**

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

**Others Present:** T. Boyde, J. Burdick, P. Curran, S. Havey, D. Healy, J. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, G. James, C. Knapp, B. Perkins, B. Reynolds, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, D. Roberts, D. Root, T. Ross, P. Stockin, M. Washer

**Media Present:** C. Potter – *The Spectator*

**Call to Order:** Resource Management Committee Chairman David Decker called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Dibble, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of April 17, 2019.

### **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 was unable to attend the meeting but submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

### **YOUTH BUREAU**

Youth Bureau Director Brian Perkins attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Perkins briefly highlighted events he attended during the month of April. Mr. Perkins thanked the Legislators for attending the Annual Dinner Meeting for the Youth Bureau at Off Duty. Legislator Harris asked about the process for nominating the youths for the Recognition Awards. Mr. Perkins stated that letters are sent out to Boy Scout Troops, 4-H groups and, of course, to school Guidance Counselors. Legislator Harris also asked if there was any input by the nominee, and Mr. Perkins stated that there was not any input by the nominee.

### **CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. Ms. Hunsberger briefly discussed that Lynn Bliven taught a livestock class at Alfred University, as she had not done that in several years. Ms. Hunsberger also stated that Life Skills Boot Camp was doing mock interviews to help with finding real jobs and showing how an interview actually works. Ms. Hunsberger also stated that they were looking into a grant for training a New York State Snap Educator, that is a \$400,000/year grant for 5 years.

### **FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Farm to School Coordinator Cassandra Bull attended the meeting to discuss the Farm to School Program that focuses on supplying locally grown foods into our local public school systems. This program helps strengthen local agriculture, improve student health, and promote regional food systems awareness. Legislator Harris asked Ms. Bull what the NY State threshold was to qualify for free lunches. Ms. Bull stated that 30 percent of the lunches in the school system are free. Right now Ms. Bull works with AlleCatt conglomerate consisting of Hinsdale, Scio,

Wellsville, Genesee Valley, and Bolivar-Richburg Schools. Legislator Stockin asked if the Farm to School Program was challenging for a local producer to get approved. Ms. Bull stated that she believes that it is easier as the purchases are under \$10,000, whereas GST BOCES has astringent budgets that the schools have to abide by. Legislator Harris also asked if Alfred-Almond was included in the Farm to School Program. Ms. Bull stated that although she would love to work with Alfred Almond, they are in the GST BOCES Food Service program that she does not work with at this time.

#### **40 Foot Freezer for Storage**

Legislator Graves asked for an update on the freezer for the storage of food at the Allegany County Jail. This freezer is being purchased for freezing the “in season” produce for the upcoming school year. Ms. Bull explained that because a grant was received for the purchase of this freezer; it had to come from a minority owned business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Legislator Harris requested to see the name place cards changed to just show their names and no committees listed, and they could be kept with each Legislator and put out when needed. Legislator Burdick stated that she objects as she may forget her card, or if a member came in late to a meeting they would not know what meeting they were attending. This request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Harris, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. (opposed: G. Barnes) **Refer to Ways and Means**

#### **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 Harris, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Roberts, Senior Account Clerk Typist  
Allegany County Board of Legislators