

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

July 17, 2019

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

Others Present: L. Ballengee, T. Boyde, C. Crandall, P. Curran, J. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Knapp, D. McDonnell, B. Perkins, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, D. Roberts, D. Root, T. Shaw, P. Stockin, S. Torrey, M. Washer

Media Present: C. Potter – *The Spectator*

Call to Order: Resource Management Committee Chairman David Decker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of June 19, 2019.

COUNTY HISTORIAN

County Historian Craig Braack attended the meeting and briefly discussed the local History program for the end of September stating that things are proceeding along fairly well.

Mr. Braack also stated that with the help of Tina Zalar and the summer help, he was able to get 110 boxes from seven to eight departments of expired documents shredded.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Soil and Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review.

Van Campen Creek

Mr. Torrey stated they have been awarded \$119,638 to perform permanent streambank stabilization work on Van Campen Creek adjacent to the ACCORD building. Mr. Torrey hopes the work will begin in 2020.

Travis Lot Bid

Mr. Torrey requested approval to award the bid to Two Rivers Timber Company located at 7778 State Rte. 417 Addison, NY for \$330,000. This bid award is for the sale of timber products on the Travis Lot, which represents 341 acres located in the Townships of Allen and Angelica, Allegany County, NY. The approval of the bid award includes the acceptance of a 5 percent bid deposit check in the amount of \$16,500 made payable to Allegany County.

Legislator Harris asked if this bid was the same as the last bid received and Mr. Torrey stated it is the same bidder; however, it the bid came in eight to ten thousand dollars less this time. Legislator Harris also asked if there would be an assessment done on the lot at the end of harvest or during the harvest. Executive Director Torrey stated that this will be done during the harvest at different times. Legislator Harris asked if culvert repairs are included. Executive Director Torrey stated, yes that the road conditions are to be in the same shape as when they were at their best. Legislator Harris referenced the recent conversations at Trails Task Force meetings regarding erosion issues, and asked if that is something Soil & Water can fund. Mr. Torrey indicated it could fall under his department; however, not without the 25 percent match.

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

Belmont Dam

Legislator Barnes asked if the cleaning of the Dam in the Belmont Falls has started yet. Executive Director Torrey stated that now that the water level is down and the weather is cooperating, this project should be getting started in August.

Impoundments

Legislator Dibble asked if Mr. Torrey and Planning Director Kier Dirlam have looked into the impoundments yet. Mr. Torrey stated, no, they have been swamped with grant applications.

New Intern

Executive Director Scott Torrey introduced his new intern Samantha Mason. Ms. Mason has a BA in Agriculture Business and also works with the Genesee River Coalition.

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 June. Mr. Perkins stated that he and Julie Tomasi from the Department of Social Services had a conference call with Safe Harbor Funding, which is a homeless youth funding program, noting that this type of program should run through the Department of Social Services. Mr. Perkins went on to state that the Department of Social Services does have a plan in place to utilize if there is a need for the homeless youth. Committee Chairman Decker asked why this program was not already active in Allegany County, and Mr. Perkins indicated that homeless youths are really not a problem in Allegany County, adding if there were homeless youths, they would be sent out of the County.

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 the Livestock Auction at the Allegany County Fair that will be held Wednesday July 17, at 6:00 p.m. and invited anyone to attend. Ms. Hunsberger also stated that the new Agriculture Educator would be starting on Thursday and attending the Fair, which will be a great experience. Committee Chairman Decker asked which Allegany County Schools participated in the Farm to School Program, as the handouts given did not list them. Executive Director Laura Hunsberger listed Genesee Valley, Wellsville, and she believes Cuba-Rushford.

Farmer Neighbor Dinner

Ms. Hunsberger stated the Allegany County Farmer Neighbor Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at the Lake Lodge in Alfred, NY. Taste of local farms, cash bar, and exhibits will open at 5:30 p.m., and a catered dinner showcasing food grown and produced in Allegany County will begin at 6:45 p.m. Pre-registration is required, and the form and payment should be returned by September 20 to CCE Allegany County, 5435A County Road 48A, Belmont, NY, 14813. Checks can be made payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension and further details can be found by contacting Lynn Bliven at 585-268-7644 ext. 18.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Dibble, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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