

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
August 21, 2019

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

Others Present: C. Braack, J. Burdick, P. Curran, K. Dirlam, C. Jones, G. Hanchett, J. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Knapp, D. McDonnell, B. Perkins, J. Ricci, B. Riehle, D. Roberts, T. Ross, P. Stockin

Media Present: C. Potter – *The Spectator*

Call to Order: Chairman Crandall called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

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

COUNTY HISTORIAN

County Historian Craig Braack attended the meeting and briefly discussed his monthly report stating that things are proceeding along fairly well.

Federal Grants

Legislator Harris stated that he attended a meeting and noticed grants for small-scale museums, and asked if Mr. Braack was aware of the Federal Grants that were set up for small-scale museums. Mr. Braack stated that he was unaware of these grants but would look into them.

Roundtable

Mr. Braack stated that the next Historians meeting will take place in Andover at 10:00 a.m. where the discussion will be about the Forbidden Trail Crossing, the Wilds of Joyce Hill, and ending in Whitesville. Mr. Braack invited anyone who is interested to attend.

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.

Belmont Dam

Legislator Barnes stated that he is glad to see the Belmont Dam cleaned up noting that it looks very nice. Constituent Casey Jones from Transformation Initiative stated that it looks like there are still a couple of trees in the upper waterway. He asked why these were not also removed as they will eventually be blocking the waterways. Mr. Barnes stated that he would ask Mr. Torrey at the next meeting.

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 July. Mr. Perkins stated that “movie night” was rained out, and he is looking into changing it up a little to work around the weather. Mr. Perkins also stated that he helped with “Boot Camp” and listened to the group of children give their “Elevator Speeches” about who they are.

Distracted Driving

Legislator Harris asked if there has been any discussion of a program to look at distracted driving. Mr. Perkins stated that distracted driving has been addressed, and he believes that due to the recent accident in Allegany County that this will be addressed at the conference this year. Mr. Perkins noted that the SADD acronym no longer stands for Students Against Drunk Driving, but rather Students Against Destructive Decisions. Mr. Harris went on to ask how many SADD chapters there are in Allegany County. Mr. Perkins stated that almost every school in Allegany County has a chapter. Legislator Barnes asked what is being done about raising awareness to students and children about wearing their seatbelts after the recent accident in Allegany County. Mr. Perkins stated that although he is not involved in the investigation, seatbelt use will be addressed at the next Traffic & Safety Board meeting, and Maureen Kozakiewicz and Sgt. Todd Engwer will also be at the meeting to discuss this issue.

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 stated that she would like everyone to know that she will be helping Wyoming County for a bit by attending meetings and interviews until they hire another Assistant Director. Ms. Hunsberger also discussed that a light blight has been identified in Allegany County this week which is a disease that affects both potato and tomato plants, and there was a brief discussion on blight. Ms. Hunsberger also stated that most of the 4-H'ers are at the State Fair which is very exciting. Ms. Hunsberger went on to state that the Boot Camp Program is continuing in Friendship and Bolivar/Richburg Schools this year. Legislator Harris asked if there is any discussion on regular Hemp yet. Ms. Hunsberger stated there is no contract yet and is unsure of the timeline.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program (SNAP) Grant

Ms. Hunsberger stated that we are the lead agency this year for the \$300,000 SNAP grant. When this grant is awarded on October 1, 2019, there will be job openings for Nutrition Educator and Administrative Assistant as well as several other positions that will need to be filled.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Harris, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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