

**Organization** River Area Council of Governments  
**Board** Executive Board  
**Date and Time** Tuesday, January 23 2018 at 6:00 PM  
**Place** Village of Carthage Municipal Building, 120 S Mechanic St.,  
Carthage NY 13619  
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## Minutes

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### **These Minutes are unofficial and have not yet been approved by the Executive Board**

The Executive Board usually approves previous minutes at its next regular meeting  
**River Area Council of Governments**  
**January 23, 2018**

**Members present:** B. Ferguson, W. McIlroy, P. Smith, S. Storms, R. Vary and J. Zando

**Absent:** S. Burto, M. Bigness, A. Peck, and T. Stewart

**Others:** M. Dietrich, R. Schell, J. Rogers-ANCA, and David Bradford-ANCA

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 6:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by J. Zando, seconded by P. Smith to approve the minutes of November 21, 2017 as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Mickey Dietrich, Circuit Rider, reported on activities, upcoming meetings, website updates, and an application for a shared intern through Pratt-Northam Foundation. Mr. Dietrich requested a tentative date for a group training for NY Alerts. The Board agreed, by consensus, to Monday, February 26 at 6:00pm at the T/Wilna board room.

Motion by B. Ferguson, seconded by S. Storms to authorize a one-year contract with Brian Phelps for website and email maintenance at a cost of \$1,000 plus additional hours at the discretion of the Board. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

M. Dietrich discussed changes to the RACOG website with Board members. W. McIlroy asked about including more of the information from the existing site. M. Dietrich and C. Vargulick advised that not all of the information was relevant currently. The RACOG history will be reflected on the new home page. The Board agreed, by consensus, that [www.racog.org](http://www.racog.org) direct viewers to the new home page when it is ready to launch.

### **Presentation**

Jamie Rogers, ANCA, presented information regarding Clean Energy Communities and the benchmarks to receive the designation.

David Bradford, ANCA, presented information regarding LED street lighting including options, cost, and working with National Grid. Mr. Bradford and members discussed opportunities for an aggregated project. Both presenters stated that they are available to offer assistance to the communities.

### **New Business**

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by J. Zando to amend Section 6-Meeting Quorum of the RACOG By-laws as follows:

A quorum for all annual, regular, and special meetings shall be constituted when representatives from a minimum of three (3) of the member towns and villages are present. The number of representatives, that define a quorum, shall be amended with the addition and/or deletion of member governments.

Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by S. Storms to support the THC Local Government Conference at the \$200.00 level. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Zando, seconded by B. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

*Christina Vargulick*

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RACOG Secretary