

**Organization** River Area Council of Governments

**Board** Executive Board

**Date and Time** Tuesday, November 21 2017 at 6:00 PM

**Place** Town of Wilna

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**Minutes**

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The Executive Board usually approves previous minutes at its next regular meeting

### **River Area Council of Governments**

**November 21, 2017**

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

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

**Others:** M. Dietrich and P. Smith

A webinar on NY Alert, presented by Jason Willetts, began at 6:00pm at the T/Wilna Municipal Building. Mr. Willetts summarized the State emergency notification system in regards to the types of emergencies that can be posted, the method of notification, and registration process for the municipality and individuals choosing to receive notifications.

Chairman McIlroy called the business meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by S. Storms to approve the minutes of October 12, 2017 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

#### **New Business**

Members discussed the potential uses for NY Alerts and the parties who would be responsible for issuing a variety of alerts.

M. Dietrich discussed a proposal to update the RACOG website utilizing Townpress at a cost not to exceed \$59.00. Motion by P. Smith, seconded by B. Ferguson to authorize the expenditure of \$59.00 to register with Townpress. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

M. Dietrich discussed his attendance at a WCTA meeting with the WCTA board and Sam Purington from the Volunteer Center of Jefferson County. The WCTA is spending considerable resources to keep their aging bus in operation. Mr. Purington discussed grant funding that may be possible in the future if the WCTA comes under their operating umbrella. Currently, the WCTA has been included in the Watertown-Jefferson County Transportation Council (WJCTA). P. Smith stated that WCTA should not be included in the Watertown-Jefferson County organization since that committee has declared that it is not their intention to serve the local Carthage/West Carthage area. Mr. Purington suggested that the WCTA lease a bus to provide local service. He will provide an estimate for the cost of a lease.

B. Ferguson discussed the need to have a spokesman for RACOG on the Watertown-Jefferson County Transportation Council to advocate for and facilitate funding opportunities for the Wilna-Champion Transportation Association and suggested Mr. Dietrich be appointed as the representative. Motion by P. Smith, seconded by B. Ferguson to appoint M. Dietrich as the RACOG representative to the WJCTA. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Council members reviewed the 2018 preliminary budget. J. Zando advised the Council that the V/Deferiet will not be participating in the summer swim program. Motion by P. Smith, seconded by B. Ferguson to adopt the 2018 preliminary budget without including the V/Deferiet in the summer swim program. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Council, by consensus, scheduled the next meeting for January 23, 2018 at which time the board will hear a presentation from the energy circuit rider.

Motion by J. Zando, seconded by S. Storms to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

*Christina Vargulick*

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