

**River Area Council of Governments
February 26, 2018**

Members present: M. Bigness, B. Ferguson, W. McIlroy, S. Storms, R. Vary and J. Zando

Absent: S. Burto, A. Peck, P. Smith and T. Stewart

Others: M. Dietrich, P. Smith (THC), L. Carpenter (V/Black River), and S. Lillie (V/Black River)

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at the Town of Wilna Municipal Building, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman McIlroy asked for nominations for the 2018 election of officers. Motion by B. Ferguson, seconded by S. Storms to re-nominate W. McIlroy, Chairman and P. Smith, Vice-Chairman. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Ferguson, seconded by J. Zando to re-nominate C. Vargulick, Secretary/Treasurer. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Bigness, seconded by S. Storms to approve the minutes of January 23, 2018 as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Mickey Dietrich, Circuit Rider, reported on the following: pending NY Alerts training; LED street lighting; and, progress on the website resource map.

Presentation

Mickey Dietrich, Circuit Rider, presented information regarding the utilization of GIS data for a variety of town and village applications including water/sewer locating and identification, planning and zoning and assessing.

New Business

Council members considered a request for membership from the T/Lowville. Members discussed contracting member versus voting member. Motion by J. Zando, seconded by B. Ferguson to recommend, to the component boards, admitting the T/Lowville as a voting member of RACOG. Ayes-6, Nays-0. The secretary shall prepare and distribute an amended RACOG Inter-Municipal agreement for action by the component boards.

Motion by M. Bigness, seconded by S. Storms to process mileage for the circuit rider directly through the T/Champion, as fiscal agent, effective April 1,

2018 for an amount not to exceed \$3,000 annually. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Council members responded to inquires from the Lee Carpenter, V/Black River Mayor, regarding RACOG and the benefits of membership.

Council members scheduled the next RACOG meeting for March 20, 2018 at 6:00pm at the V/Carthage Municipal Building. The topic for discussion will be composting.

Motion by R. Vary, seconded by M. Bigness to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

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