

**River Area Council of Governments  
September 18, 2018**

**Members present:** M. Bigness, J. Der, B. Ferguson, W. McIlroy, R. Schell, P. Smith, T. Stewart, S. Storms, and R. Vary

**Absent:** S. Burto, F Fazio, R. Larabee, A. Peck and J. Zando

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

Motion by R. Vary, seconded by M. Bigness to approve the minutes of September 18, 2018, as presented. P. Smith asked for clarification regarding the proposed DASNY grant to repair the Veteran's Monument base. W. McIlroy responded that he would like letters of support from each community and one on RACOG letterhead. The V/Carthage will submit an application, administer it and upfront monies as necessary. Ayes-9, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Mickey Dietrich, Circuit Rider, reported on the following: NY Alerts training scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the T/Champion; website development for the T/Lowville and the V/Deferiet; interns available to assist with GIS projects and to develop a RACOG brochure. Motion by B. Ferguson, seconded by M. Bigness to authorize the development of a RACOG brochure. Ayes-9, Nays-0. Motion carried.

M. Dietrich also discussed a request from the Tug Hill Commission for financial support to conduct a 2019 Tug Hill resident and Landowner Survey. Members questioned the scope of the survey and the estimated cost of \$21,000. R. Schell asked to adjourn any action on the request pending a review of the 2009 survey. The Council agreed by consensus.

M. Dietrich reported that a representative from the New York Power Authority and Infogroup have both contacted him regarding presenting to the Council about LED street lighting and contracting to provide business and demographic data which might be used to help with economic development, respectively. The Council agreed, by consensus, to authorize M. Dietrich to coordinate the presentations.

**Presentation**

Paul Vesel, RealTerm Energy Corp., discussed the benefits, financial analysis, and project development for LED street lighting. Council members questioned the time frame for projects, the need for additional lighting, aggregate pricing, and incentives. Mr. Vesel responded that he would estimate at least twelve (12) months to complete a project and additional lighting poles are the exception. The lighting design seeks to optimize the existing infrastructure. Pricing for all of the communities can be calculated as an aggregate with

margins and fixed prices equal due to economies of scale, including coordination of the lighting audits, installation and volume pricing for the fixtures. The company does all work in house with the exception of the electrical contracting and will assist the communities with applications for NYSERDA incentives.

Members agreed to reschedule the next meeting for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:00pm at the V/Carthage Municipal Building.

Motion by R. Schell, seconded by P. Smith to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

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