

**River Area Council of Governments
January 15, 2019**

Members present: J. Der, F. Fazio, B. Ferguson, W. McIlroy, R. Schell,
P. Smith, T. Stewart, S. Storms, and J. Zando

Absent: S. Burto, M. Bigness, R. Larabee, and A. Peck

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

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by R. Vary to approve the minutes of December 4, 2018, as presented. Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Presentation

Jessica Waldorf, New York Power Authority, presented information regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, including the Smart Street Lighting NY, administered by NYPA. NYPA can provide services including design, construction management, commissioning, financing, incentive acquisition assistance, and advisory services. NYPA encourages regional approaches for an economy of scale. Members questioned cost and savings and Ms. Waldorf provided estimates for each community based on information provided to her.

Reports

M. Dietrich distributed the completed RACOG brochure. The Council agreed, by consensus, to authorize printing the report as presented.

Motion by J. Zando, seconded by F. Fazio to authorize M. Dietrich to attend and distribute the RACOG brochure at the Fort Drum Career day. Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Board members reviewed the proposed 2019 IT annual contract with Brian Phelps in the amount of \$1,000. Motion by P. Smith, seconded by B. Ferguson to approve the contract as presented. Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion by J. Zando, seconded by R. Schell to nominate and elect W. McIlroy, Chairman; P. Smith, Vice-Chairman; and C. Vargulick, Secretary/Treasurer. Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Schell, seconded by J. Der to adopt the 2019 RACOG budget as presented. Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by P. Smith, seconded by B. Ferguson to sponsor the THC Local Government Conference at the \$200 level. Ayes-10, Nays-0. Motion carried.

W. McIlroy recommended establishing an ad hoc committee to discuss the pros and cons of a number of LED street lighting proposals presented to the Council and acquire commitments to participate.

R. Schell advised the Council that Ron Trottier has received six pedal cars for operation this spring presumably between Lowville and Castorland.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by R. Schell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

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RACOG Secretary