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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

January 12, 1993

J. Margeson

Present: L. Watson, R. Meiss, S. Loucks, L. Frair, D. Cross, M. Kear, C. Braack, P. Westfall, J. Margeson, J. Bastian

Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

On motion of R. Meiss, seconded by L. Frair, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Paul Westfall, Agricultural Service Agent for the County Cooperative Extension gave the Committee a report with regard to the concept of Alternative Farming which focuses on the farming of unconventional commodities on conventional farms.

Mr. Westfall also discussed the formulation of a Citizens Task Force which will look at deer population management issues in Deer Management Unit (D.M.U.) #38 which encompasses a majority of the County.

Craig Braack addressed the Committee regarding the potential for planning activities with respect to celebrating the 200th anniversary of the settling of the first permanent resident of the County. The bicentennial year for the event will be 1995. Some dicussion evolved around celebrating, instead, the 200th anniversary of the founding of the County which will be the year 2006.

M. Kear advised the Committee that new state legislation has called for the formulation of County Agricultural Districting Advisory Committee.

PREPARE RESOLUTION

L. Frair moved to have the County Attorney draft a resolution to abolish the Allegany County Agricultural Districting Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by R. Meiss and carried unanimously. County Attorney to prepare resolution.

PREPARE RESOLUTION

A. Loucks, Jr. moved to have a resolution prepared to create the Allegany County Agricultural Farmland Protection Board. The motion was seconded by R. Meiss and carried unanimously. County Attorney to prepare resolution.

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

February 9, 1993

PRESENT: L. Watson, R. Miess, B. Reuning, A. Loucks, D. Cross, J. Margeson, M. Sienkiewicz, M. Kear, J. Bastian, R. Hasan, P. Zolla, D. Say

On motion of R. Miess, seconded by B. Reunng and carried, approved the minues of 12/14 and 12/28/92 and amended minutes of 1/12/93. Amended minutes of 1/12/93 are to include: On motion of L. Watson, seconded by A. Loucks and carried, approved the Chairman's appointments of Robert Polanowski and Kevin Redman to the Fish and Wildlife Board. Also, on motion of B. Reunning, seconded by A. Loucks and carried, approved the 1993 appropriation of $7,000. to the Agricultural Society.

M. Sienkiewicz of Cooperative Extension requested approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between Cooperative Extension and Allegany County for 1993. The Agreement is the same. On motion of R. Miess, seconded by B. Reuning and carried, this Agreement was approved.

Mary passed out copies of their 1993 Vision Statement. (Attached to original minutes)

County Historian, Craig Braack was unable to attend tonight's meeting but copies of his monthly report were passed out.

Philip Zolla, Town of Willing, adjoining land owner of the WAG Trail, read a Purchase Offer he has submitted to the County to purchase the WAG Trail. This would be a Quit Claim Deed and includes 59.65 acres for a purchase price of $12,000. 6 acres of wetlands would remain on the County books. Mr. Zolla will offer this land for sale at $200. per acre. There are 28 landowners total and Mr. Zolla has contacted 13 of these, who all want to purchase parts of the Trail adjoining their lands. He also noted that he will drop the current law suit against the County, if the County agrees to sell to him.

It was noted that there is already a resolution on the books to transfer the WAG Trail to DEC and this whole matter must be reviewed by the County Attorney's office and then will go before the full Board for a vote.

Derwood Say presented a petition with more than 400 signatures, with more coming, for the County to turn the WAG over to DEC for public use.

Jan Bastian, representing the Allegany County Sportsman Federation, noted the Federation is in favor of the Trail going to DEC. On motion of B. Reuning, seconded by R. Miess and carried, approved the bills for payment. Meeting adjourned.

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FEB 23 1993

February 22, 1993

J. Margeson

PRESENT: L. Watson, L. Frair, B. Reuning, R. Miess, D. Cross, J. Walchli, J. Margeson

Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Watson advised those in attendance that the Board of Legislators had reaffirmed its' intent to convey the W.A.G. Trail to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Lee Frair gave the committee an overview of opposition, on the part of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties, and the Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board to the Masterplan for management of Allegany State Park as published by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

On motion of B. Reuning, seconded by R. Miess and carried, the committee approved the preparation of a resolution to be co-drafted by the County Administrator and the County Attorney, to support a modification of said Masterplan to allow for proper management of Allegany State Park.

J. Walchli discussed with the committee his concerns over a proposal by Governor Cuomo to drastically reduce field services in the Division of Minerals of the State Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Walchli asked committee to consider sponsoring a resolution memorializing the Governor to maintain the Division of Minerals and to encourage a more positive and productive relationship between the department and independent producers rather than an adversarial one.

R. Miess moved that the County Administrator and County Attorney co-draft a resolution to this effect for Board action on March 5th. The motion was seconded by R. Reuning and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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MAR 10 1993

J. Margeson

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

March 9, 1993

PRESENT: L. Watson, B. Reuning, R. Miess, A. Loucks, D. Cross, N. Simon, P. Westfall, C. Braack, P. Zolla, three student interns from Cuba-Rushford and one from Fillmore

P. Zolla requested a clarification of the County's position to allow farm motorized vehicles to cross the WAG Trail for spring cleanup and planting. Mr. Zolla was informed the position of the county is unchanged and farmers needing to use the WAG to gain access to their lands may do so. Also it was again stressed that no motorized vehicles will be allowed on the WAG Trail after the acquisition of the Trail by DEC.

Paul Westfall passed out copies of an Impact Statement regarding the Pro-Dairy Program. Attached to original minutes. He noted the program is going well. For instance, a new class is starting today in Andover and there are 21 farms represented. Participants with herds ranging from 35 head to over 300 head have attended.

The program to verify the deer population is progressing and preliminary results seem to reflect the herd is smaller than thought.

Craig Braack requested permission to attend a workshop in Buffalo, on May 17, pertaining to creating effective exhibits in a small museum. On motion of R. Miess, seconded by B. Reuning and carried, approval was given.

Craig noted that Rick McLay is going to put Craig in touch with people qualified to help with the labeling of artifacts. He is also getting rid of some worthless articles this week and he passed out copies of his monthly activity report.

Chairman Watson signed a certification of disbursements of the Allegany County Agricultural Society.

On motion of B. Reuning, seconded by R. Miess and carried, approved a transfer of $2948. from Electricity to Fees in the Reforestation accounts.

The audit summary was reviewed satisfactorily.

Meeting adjourned.