

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
APRIL 15, 2015**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

Committee Members Present: K. Graves, D. Fanton, N. Ungermann, C. Crandall (Absent: A. McGraw, T. O'Grady)

Others Present: M. Alger, S. Alsworth, L. Bliven, H. Budinger, S. Burt, R. Chamberlain, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, L. Gridley, G. Hanchett, D. Healy, R. Hollis, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, B. Riehle, T. Ross, C. Santora

Media Present: No media present

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Karl Graves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of March 18, 2015.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack was not in attendance at the meeting.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Allegany County Soil and Water Conservation District AEM Planner Scott Alsworth attended in Scott Torrey's stead and distributed the District's April report. This included application submissions for Round 21 of the State Ag Non-Point Source funds in the following watersheds: Angelica Water Supply, Rushford Lake, and upstream of the Wellsville Water Intake. They expect to be notified of any awards by mid-summer. Additionally, the District will submit grant applications for the Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Control Implementation Grants. The District is finishing Year 10 of the Agricultural Environmental Management Grant; Year 11 begins May 7. The money received from this grant covers employee time and expenses to work with farms in improving their environmental impact. Construction projects are slated to begin mid-May.

Weir Lot Contract Extension

Mr. Alsworth went on to say that Rob Chamberlain would like a contract extension for his work on the Weir Lot. [Note, in July 2014, the County had received three bids on the Weir Lot. At that time, Soil & Water Conservation Director Scott Torrey recommended accepting the bid from R.T. Chamberlain Logging and Trucking of Belfast, NY, for \$81,001.99.] Mr. Chamberlain indicated he would like to have the contract extended to encompass all of summer 2016. Chairman Crandall indicated that this issue would go to the full Board as an amendment to a contract. Approval to extend the contract through the summer of 2016 was granted on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Youth Bureau

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards noted that March had been a busy month, and she wanted to highlight the following: she attended Western New York Association of Youth

Bureaus meeting in Lancaster; participated in Bureau of Youth Development (BYD) Regional Conference Call; attended PPAC (Partners for Prevention in Allegany County) quarterly meeting; attended Youth Court Board meeting; held quarterly Youth Board meeting on March 25; and began preparations for Youth Board Dinner and Youth Recognition Awards. She noted that all Committee members had been invited to the Youth Board Dinner scheduled for April 29, and that RSVPs are due by April 22. She said that in addition to recognizing five youths from Belmont, Scio, Hume, Wellsville, and Bolivar, the Legion Riders would also be recognized for hosting a picnic on Cuba Lake for the past five years for those in foster care.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources Issue Leader Lynn Bliven updated the Committee on recent programming, including a Farmers' Market Network education program, held in conjunction with Southern Tier West, among Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties which focused on best management practices in food safety. Later this month, a similar program will be held for meat producers on how they process their products and how they communicate with the consumer. The other issue Ms. Bliven focused on is animal disease. Last year, she noted, we focused on viruses affecting swine; this year a highly pathogenic avian influenza is an issue for concern. Thus far, NYS has not seen this virus in its fowl, but it is spread via migratory birds, so Extension is working diligently to get the word out as well as information on biosecurity as well as transportation of poultry. At this time there is no concern for public health, she added. There will be a four-part workshop series in May and June for backyard poultry producers and beginning farmers in poultry production, emphasizing biosecurity and other issues.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger updated the Committee on the status of the special meeting to be held at 6 p.m. on May 19 at Our Lady of the Angels Church in Cuba. She indicated they needed at least 25 people to be in attendance. At that time, the two-County association will be dissolved, re-forming the one-County association, voting on the new Constitution, and voting in new Board members. These changes will go into effect October 1, 2015.

Ms. Hunsberger noted that Cooperative Extension is holding a fundraiser on June 13, at Island Park in Wellsville. It will be a family friendly event which includes a 5K, animal activities, vendors, and music by Steel Door.

Legislator Decker inquired about the status of the audit that had been requested by Cattaraugus County. He was told that the audit had been cancelled because other audits had already been done on the timeframe Mercer had been asked to review, and their findings were the same as the previous audits. That being the case, Cattaraugus County put a stop to the audit.

Executive Session

The Committee entered executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular individual at 1:25 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. The Committee exited executive session at 1:34 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Santora, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegheny County Board of Legislators