

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MAY 20, 2015**

**** NOT APPROVED ****

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

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Ballengee, L. Bliven, C. Braack, H. Budinger, S. Burt, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, L. Drake, L. Edwards, G. Hanchett, D. Healy, R. Hollis, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, G. James, T. Miner, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, C. Santora, S. Torrey

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 April 15, 2015.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack had nothing to report at this time.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Department Executive Director Scott Torrey gave a brief update which included the following items:

- Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Grant—submitted eight grant applications
- Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program—Mr. Torrey will attend a meeting for this opportunity on May 21 to see what role soil & Water will play
- SWCD is working with the Towns of West Almond and Allen to implement FEMA projects
- Cuba won the Envirothon Competition and will go to the State competition
- SWCD completed a fencing project in the Town of Andover in the last month.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Agriculture & Natural Resources Issue Leader Lynn Bliven updated the Committee on recent developments regarding the virulent avian flu, saying that because all poultry breeds are susceptible, and because the flu is so virulent, New York State recently decreed that there will be absolutely no poultry exhibited at any County Fair or at the State Fair this year. She added that although there have been no confirmed cases of the avian flu in NYS thus far, that does not mean it's not here. Cooperative Extension continues to work with producers on bio security issues to help stop this disease. Ms. Bliven went on to say that the "Living in the Country" brochure is being updated. This is a piece that educates people

about what to expect in an agricultural community. This piece has been distributed to realtors in the past. Ms. Bliven went on to say that Aaron Santangelo has tendered his resignation and will be finished by the end of May. Legislator Burt inquired about Alma Pond which, he said, had a strong odor of and plenty of evidence of dead fish. Ms. Bliven responded that Alma Pond is very shallow and it's possible that because of the very cold temperatures this winter, there may very well have been a 100 percent kill. He went on to ask if/when the DEC re-stocks the ponds. County Planner Kier Dirlam indicated that occurs in early spring and suggested Mr. Burt call the fish section of the DEC in Allegany for direction.

Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger informed the Committee that the special Cooperative Extension meeting had been held the night before and the vote had been unanimous to amend the constitution. The new name of the organization is now CCE (Cornell Cooperative Extension) Allegany which will become official on October 1, 2015.

Youth Bureau Director

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards entertained questions/comments on her pre-filed monthly report. Receiving none, she went on to highlight the Youth Board Dinner and Youth Award Recognition on April 29. She said it boasted the highest attendance (77!) in history. Awards were presented to five youth, one graduating senior who will be leaving the Youth Board, and the Wellsville Legion Riders and the Davison Family for hosting a Youth Fun Day at Cuba Lake. The she moved on to her action item.

Accept and Appropriate the 2015 Youth Development Program Allocations from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services

Ms. Edwards requested a resolution to accept and appropriate the 2015 Youth Development Program Allocations from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$50,679. Ms. Edwards added that the Houghton College STEP Program is not doing the program this year, (which was just over \$3,700), so she allocated that money into the town and village rec program. The funds should be appropriated as summarized on the attached sheet.

Pass thru Programs from OCFS to agencies	\$20,444
Allegany County Sponsored Programs	\$17,656
Pass thru Programs from OCFS to Towns/Villages	\$12,579
Total for Program is \$50,679	

Approval of the request was granted on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

New Business

Hazard Mitigation Team

County Planner Kier Dirlam, Superintendent of Public Works Guy James, and Soil & Water Conservation District Executive Director Scott Torrey addressed the group, saying that it was time to update the 800+-page Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Dirlam told the Committee that although Emergency Management and Fire Services Director Jeff Luckey has applied for a \$90,000 grant (which would require a \$30,000 County match) that would allow for us to hire a consultant to assist in this update, he has not yet been notified of any award. That being said, Mr. Dirlam went on to say that the Team would still require that \$30,000, whether we get the grant or not, in order to get the revision done by the August 2016 deadline. One of the benefits that hasn't been fully realized by this plan, he added, is that when there are events across the

State you can take advantage and get some of your projects fixed up ahead of time before another bad event occurs. We're thinking that if we can put this on a "steady" diet of having money allocated every year, then we could pay for a part of a person to keep current with projects, write the grants, and help the towns and villages. Mr. Dirlam added that the return on our investment would probably be quite large for that amount, saying we would probably be getting back hundreds of thousands of dollars. each year in those projects, so while they might not be "County" projects, *per se*, they would certainly benefit the County as a whole. Mr. James added that the best place for the position would be in Soil and Water. That being said, the Board would see an increase in Mr. Torrey's 2016 Budget request for this increase. Mr. James added that this initiative goes hand-in-hand with this shared services effort New York State is pushing. Granted, he said, "we've already done it before, but it's a continuation of what we've been doing, and as Kier said, it's a win-win because our initial investment could multiply considerably. It is important for this to be out there now because we are into the budget process for next year, and we need to get people thinking about it. It is required, and we do need to do it. If the Towns and Villages do not adopt our Hazard Mitigation Plan, they are not eligible for this mitigation money. But the County has to adopt it first. Mr. Dirlam added that these are monies allocated to deal with issues municipalities know are issues ahead of time, not during an actual event. For example, he said, you know there are culverts that are undersized, and when we do have a flood event, it will be a problem, so they need to be upgraded. This is the kind of money allocation that allows you to do that when the weather is nice rather than during the event. And, he said, that's what this coordinator would do: find the projects that fit, and help municipalities get the process done to get the money to help with their projects. It was determined that although the proposed \$30,000 would be needed some time later this year, there was no need for action at this time.

Executive Session

The Committee entered executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person at 1:35 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. The Committee exited executive session at 1:50 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 1:50 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
Allegany County Board of Legislators