

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
JUNE 17, 2015**

**\*\* NOT APPROVED \*\***

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

**Others Present:** M. Alger, C. Braack, S. Burt, D. Decker, L. Edwards, L. Gridley, D. Healy, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, C. Knapp, K. LaForge, T. Parmenter, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, C. Santora, R. Soback-Lynch, S. Torrey

**Media Present:** D. Donohue, *Olean Times Herald*; B. Quinn, *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

**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 May 20, 2015.

**Acceptance of Funds for Snowmobile Federation**

Allegany County acts as a pass through for the Allegany County Federation of Snowmobilers for snowmobile trail development and maintenance assistance grants funded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. The 2014-15 application was approved for \$95,865 (based on mileage and high snow). Sufficient funding was appropriated in the 2015 Budget to A7185.3089. No budget needed for 2015 as there is no required County share. This Grant is a renewal of an existing grant-funded program. The major benefits of accepting this grant are the development, grooming, and maintenance of the snowmobile trails in Allegany County. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

Revenue (\$95,865)

A7185.3089.00 (AC Snowmobile Association-St Aid)	\$95,865
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Appropriation (\$95,865)

A7185.4.83 (NYS OPRHP Funding Award)	\$95,865
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Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

**County Historian**

County Historian Craig Braack had nothing to report this month.

**Soil & Water Conservation**

**Monthly Report**

Soil & Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey distributed his monthly report, saying that there is not much to report this month as his office is primarily working on design work and construction projects at this time. He added that he included, in his report, a list of Hazard Mitigation funding over the years. The total dollar amount for the listed projects was \$4,088,125, with the federal share being \$3,066,095 and the local share \$1,022,030.

**Soil & Water Three-Year Contract Request**

Mr. Torrey then went on to request a three-year contract extension between the County and the Soil and Water Conservation District. The current contract is set to expire on December 31, 2015. This year is the ninth year under this format.

According to the request, "Maintaining a long-term financial obligation from the County is very important to the long-term success of the Conservation District and its relationship, not only with the County, but also with the residents, municipalities, and farms of the County. Many of our grant commitments are multiple years in length. The Agricultural Nonpoint Sources funds that the District receives from the State of New York are under a three-year contract that can go to five years. The FL-LOWPA grant funding operates on a two-year contract basis."

Mr. Torrey's calculations noted that for each County dollar invested in the SWCD returns, on average, \$4.60.

Along with grants and commitments, the SWCD also provides technical service to the residents and municipalities of the County. Without the financial support of the County SWCD will not be able to provide these services. Having a three-year contract in place with the County to provide financial support to the District is invaluable when trying to manage all of its different commitments. It helps maintain quality staff which results in more projects being completed.

The following amounts are requested for each year of a new contract with the County:

2016-17: level funding (\$136,000)

2017-18: 1.5 percent increase (\$138,000)

2018: 1.4 percent increase (\$140,000)

The request for the contract renewal was approved on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Following the vote, Legislator Ungermann inquired if SWCD had outside help writing the grants. Mr. Torrey replied that he did the grant writing himself.

### **Youth Bureau Monthly Report**

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards told the Committee that although it was listed on her monthly report, she wanted to highlight her attendance at the Youth Bureau Directors' Training in Saratoga Springs, May 26-28, which provided training and information from the State.

### **Approval of the 2015 Resource Allocation Plan Agreement with the Office of Children and Family Services**

The Youth Bureau requested a resolution approving the 2015 Resource Allocation Plan agreement with the Office of Children and Family Services in relation to the State's allocation of funds to the County for providing youth services under its Comprehensive Youth Services Plan. We request that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to execute such Plan Agreement. A portion of the funds to be received under such Plan Agreement shall be appropriated from time to time to cover the costs under sub-contractor services provider agreements as may be approved by this Board. The fiscal impact: 100% State Aid. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Graves, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

### **Cooperative Extension**

Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger re-introduced Tom Parmenter, Dairy Educator for Allegany County, to the Committee. He distributed flyers regarding the second annual Allegany County Farmer-Neighbor Dinner to be held Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at the Amity Rescue Squad Hall, 5184 State Route 244, in Belmont. The dinner begins at 5:30 with a taste of local farms and exhibits. The dinner will be comprised of Allegany County-grown and produced food at 6:45 p.m. The guest speaker will be Chris Fesko who will talk about Farmer-Neighbor Communications. Legislator Ungermann inquired whether

there is a way to encourage the larger farm operators and food producers to attend. Ms. Hunsberger replied that they all get invitations. Mr. Parmenter went on to say that beginning next week, the annual Tractor and Machine Safety Certification Course would run for three days, June 24-26, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Over 300 participants have completed the course over the years (records go back to 1999, but the program has been in existence longer than that, according to Cooperative Extension), and to the best of his knowledge, not one of them has been involved in a farm machinery-related accident. Youth from 14-16 are the primary attendees, but younger students can also attend.

Ms. Hunsberger went on to say that Cooperative Extension had hosted a Post-Harvest Handling of Vegetables for Market Program on June 11 on how to design, build, and operate a small-scale, DIY post-harvest handling system to help producers with food safety, maintenance of quality and efficiency, and affordability for new and small growers. Ms. Hunsberger went on to say that approximately 1,000 day-old pheasants had been delivered recently for the 4-Hers to raise and release. Ms. Hunsberger said that Cattaraugus County 4-H had hired Amanda Dackowski to help out during the summer of 2015. She added that she would be distributing the latest newsletter that has gardening tips for those looking for weed management advice, information about Hog Wild Day (an opportunity to win a freezer-ready processed pig), and information on avian influenza and how it's affecting the market birds for the Fair this year. She went on to say she had recently received information from the International Labor Relations Department (ILR) Program about Strong Families, Strong Leaders. ILR would like community leaders to attend. She put flyers regarding this program in the Legislative mail boxes. Ms. Hunsberger said they had recently applied for an ARC grant to join with schools in order to cooperatively offer career skill/life skill training that needs to be done for youth that's really not being done in the schools. With all the Common Core Curriculum requirements, a lot of these "soft skills" are falling through the educational cracks. Ms. Hunsberger noted that Wellsville is moving forward with the Complete Streets program and that there had been an article in the *Wellsville Daily Reporter* the previous day. The grant program offers \$3,000 to a town that will add complete streets lingo to its Strategic Plan. The money will probably go toward signage or something like that, she said. Finally, Ms. Hunsberger said she would be attending a program in Syracuse on Monday about the workforce needs of the food processing industry.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 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