

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AUGUST 19, 2015
NOT APPROVED

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

Others Present: M. Alger, S. Alsworth, L. Ballengee, L. Bliven, H. Budinger, C. Braack, S. Burt, L. Edwards, D. Healy, R. Hollis, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, C. Santora, 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 Ungermann, seconded by Legislator O'Grady, and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of July 15, 2015.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack had nothing to report.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Soil & Water Conservation Director Scott Torrey distributed a report for August 2015 which included the following information:

SWCD has been awarded \$40,000 in grant funds from the State for the Genesee River Erosion and Sediment Control Grant. This will consist of four projects on four farms. Total cost of the four projects is estimated at \$60,295.

SWCD has been chosen to administer grant funds secured by NYS Senator Cathy Young's office. SWCD will be receiving a total of \$155,000. \$100,000 will be used for dredging on Cuba Lake; \$25,000 will be used for a boat wash station on Rushford Lake; and \$30,000 will be used for dredging and debris removal on streams in the County.

SWCD recently received the unofficial ranked list for Round 21 of the Ag Non Point Source Grant funding. If the ranking stays as it currently is, SWCD will be the recipient of two grants. The State funding provided will be \$734,678. Total estimated cost of the grants will be \$1,034,120.

The County's Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan will need its 10-year update done in 2016. SWCD is currently looking at the grant funding available for this update and may need the County to apply for this funding.

Request Public Hearing on Ag District #1

Mr. Torrey requested approval to set a date, in consultation with the County Attorney, for a public hearing on Ag District #1 to be held prior to a Board meeting and to send out notifications

of the public hearing as appropriate. This request was granted on a motion by Legislator Ungermann, seconded by Legislator O'Grady, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Youth Bureau

Monthly Report

Youth Bureau Director Linda Edwards entertained questions/comments on her pre-filed report for July 2015. Receiving none, She went on to tell Committee members that the Resource Allocation Plan had been approved by the State and the Youth Bureau has begun paying its agencies and billing the state for reimbursement. She added that Allegany County is one of the first in Western New York to receive that approval.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger gave Committee members an update on Cooperative Extension activities, saying that now that the local County Fairs are over, the blue ribbon winners are preparing for the State Fair. She also noted that there will be a fund raiser on October 3, the "Run 4 Health" and Family Fur-iendly Fun day. This will be a fun-filled day of exploring new and exciting activities! The day will start with a 5K fun run/walk through Island Park and will include family-friendly activities including: Barnyard Olympics, Petting Zoo, and a Pet Parade. Following the race and awards, there will be a BBQ, educational booths, vendors, games, silent auction items, and music by Steel Door, 2-6 pm (BBQ free for racers, \$10 for public and race supporters). Registration and/or sponsorship can be accessed at <http://www.run4-health.racewire.com>. Ms. Hunsberger told the Committee that Master Gardener talks will be showcased throughout the Fall. The Farmer Neighbor Dinner, sponsored by the Allegany County Cooperative Extension, Soil & Water Conservation District, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, & Farm Bureau will be held Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 5:30- 9 p.m. This is an opportunity for farmers, members of the community, local leaders and friends to come together to recognize and celebrate the tremendous role that agriculture plays in Allegany County. Ms. Hunsberger also noted that Complete the Streets funding for the Town and Village of Wellsville has been awarded. This is a five-year grant initiative that was awarded to the Southern Tier Wellness Partnership. It is geared to help municipalities in Cattaraugus and Allegany counties build the infrastructure needed to develop streets that invite physical activity. The grant has worked with many communities through the Southern Tier including Gowanda, Wellsville, Hinsdale, Cuba and Independence. The initiative will focus on helping municipalities pass a "Complete Streets" policy which asks transportation planners and engineers to consistently design and alter the rights-of-way with all uses in mind (including bicycle, pedestrian and persons with disabilities). The policy focuses on new construction, reconstruction and maintenance projects. Finally, Ms. Hunsberger said that as of October 1, 2015, the split from Cattaraugus County will be complete and new board members, logo, Facebook page and website will be activated.

CCE Program—Transition Update

Legislator Pullen told Committee members that, as noted by Ms. Hunsberger, the transition date for the official split between counties will be October 1, 2015. At that time,

Cattaraugus County will initiate its own association and Allegany County will cease providing services to Catt County at that time. September 22 will be the final combined Board meeting, he said. Subsequent to that, each of the two counties will have its own Board. Mr. Pullen went on to say that there will be some changes as there had been some efficiencies by having the two-county association. In order to continue the level of service for 2016, Cooperative Extension will need supplemental funding, or programs will need to be cut. There are still some legalities to be worked out with Cattaraugus County such as the building in Ellicottville as well as a wood lot that had been donated.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. following a motion by Legislator O'Grady, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried

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