

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

September 16, 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, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, B. Gamache, D. Healy, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, T. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, G. James, C. Jessup, K. LaForge, J. Luckey, J. Nelson, R. Paulsen, T. Miner, B. Riehle, D. Root, R. Scott, S. Torrey

Media Present: 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 August 19, 2015.

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann and carried to approve the Resource Management Committee minutes of September 2, 2015.

County Historian

Legislator Graves noted County Historian Craig Braack did not have anything to report. Legislator Ungermann stated he had a question for Mr. Braack. Legislator Ungermann stated he had a discussion with Mr. Swift at a local Rod and Gun Club pancake breakfast. Legislator Ungermann stated Mr. Swift was concerned about keeping up-to-date with the history of Allegany County. Mr. Swift believes some information is not being recorded that ought to be. Mr. Swift wrote newspaper articles about the old County Home and Palmer Opera House and could not find a lot of information. Mr. Braack stated Mr. Swift did not come to the office. Mr. Braack asked Legislator Ungermann if Mr. Swift had suggestions to resolve his concerns. Mr. Ungermann stated he believed Mr. Swift wanted better record keeping. Mr. Braack asked what methods Mr. Swift wanted to use to do that. Legislator Ungermann responded Mr. Swift did not say anything about that. Legislator Ungermann stated Mr. Braack presents interesting programs, but some are not directly involved with Allegany County such as his presentations on Arlington Cemetery and Pearl Harbor. Legislator Ungermann noted he was just relaying Mr. Swift's concerns and Mr. Swift wonders if three days are enough to keep up with everything.

Soil & Water Conservation-Scott Torrey

Monthly Report

Executive Director Scott Torrey stated he just finished three projects. This was about \$205,000 in completed projects. He is currently working on a Department of Environmental Conservation Grant. Mr. Torrey reported he met with Cuba Lake Manager Scott Barry to review their dredging project. He would like to try to do it during the winter. Mr. Torrey is currently working on getting a permit for this work. Mr. Torrey stated Rushford Lake is on hold until Rushford Lake Commissioners figure out what they are doing. Mr. Torrey spoke about a meeting with Shongo residents experiencing flooding to discuss stream gravel and debris

removal. It is in the beginning stages. Finally, Mr. Torrey stated he met with the Cuba Snowdrifter Snowmobile Club this morning to discuss erosion on one of their trails in Friendship.

Youth Bureau

Monthly Report

Director Linda Edwards highlighted two items on her Monthly Report. First, she participated in the Youth Fun Day at Cuba Lake sponsored by the Wellsville Legion and everyone had a wonderful time. Second, the youth leadership forum in Albany was cancelled in February. She will be taking two youth to Buffalo to attend the Western New York Region Forum on September 29, 2015.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Agriculture and Natural Resources Issue Leader Lynn Bliven highlighted areas featured in the Homes Grounds & Gardens newsletter. Ms. Bliven stated in the spring a Master Gardener's program was held with 10 participants. Master Gardeners have to volunteer hours; as a result, this year's class has created a Master Gardener Growing Talks. The program is once a month, and the first program was on Mushrooms. The second page of the newsletter talks about the fall pH clinics. Ms. Bliven spoke about the Ag Plastic Recycling Collection that was occurring today and on Saturday. Cornell Cooperative Extension partnered with the County Recycling Program Coordinator to offer this joint project. This project allows large farms to recycle and manage the agricultural bags used for silage or hay. Ms. Bliven stated the farmer neighbor dinner is next week and eighty participants have signed up, which is an increase from last year. At the end of the month, a program will be offered for vegetable growers. Ms. Bliven anticipates 10 to 12 farms will participate. Ms. Bliven stated an online beginning soils class will be offered with some hands on programs. The class focus is on soil fertility, enhancing production, and managing environmental concerns. Ms. Bliven announced the 4-H Achievement Year-End Dinner/Awards Program is on September 18, 2015. They are gearing up for a new program year on October 1, 2015. There will be displays around the County from the various clubs to promote programs and encourage participation. Executive Director Laura Hunsberger announced there was an article in the Cuba Patriot today about their upcoming fundraiser on October 3, 2015. Ms. Hunsberger stated this is the last committee meeting as a joint association. There will be a new logo.

Hazard Mitigation

Progress Update

Director Jeff Luckey stated the previous plan needs updating and there is a cost associated with it. The Mitigation Team has been meeting monthly since January. They have done some preliminary homework. Mr. Luckey stated the plan is due August of 2016. They would like the plan six weeks before the deadline, so it should be completed around June 1, or July 1, 2016. The team has reached out to a couple of vendors already to see if they can meet this deadline.

Homeland Security Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant

Mr. Luckey asked for a resolution to accept and appropriate the Homeland Security Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Grant for \$90,000 to be used for the update of the County's

Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is a 25% matching grant. The entire project cost is projected at \$120,000 which includes the County's match of \$30,000. The match can be either cash or in-kind. The funds should be appropriated as follows:

Total Grant Appropriation # A3655.447	\$ 90,000
Local County Share in-kind services	\$ 30,000
Total Project	\$120,000
Revenue # A3655.3306.HZMT	\$ 90,000

Mr. Luckey stated he applied for the grant in 2014. On August 25, 2015, he received notification he was awarded the money. Legislator Ungermann asked if the County share has been budgeted. County Administrator Mitch Alger stated it does not need to be budgeted because the individuals' time on the Team would be considered in-kind. They will keep track of their time. Legislator Ungermann asked how long is it until the plan needs to be updated again. Mr. Luckey stated every five years. The five years start the day the plan is adopted, so this plan is stretched out to six years. Mr. Luckey stated it has been a good investment in the past. It has brought back \$4 million in projects including \$3 Million in Federal money because it is part of the plan and the projects were approved. Chairman Crandall and Legislator Healy asked if it was directly tied to the plan and that they couldn't get the money without the plan. Mr. Luckey stated that is correct. Legislator Graves asked if there has been discussion on updating the plan on an annual basis instead of waiting five to six years. Mr. Luckey stated the Team meets annually to review what has been done and what has changed. That is a requirement of the plan. Legislator Graves asked if it was a good idea to assign someone to periodically update it during the year. Chairman Crandall stated the County would probably run into other expenses other than just maintaining the plan. Mr. Luckey stated the plan has been adopted by all the towns and villages and the colleges are incorporated in the plan. Mr. Luckey stated it is not just a County plan; it is an inclusive plan. Chairman Crandall asked if the County will be able to reach the \$30,000 in-kind. County Planner Kier Dirlam stated they are trying to cover that and the Team is keeping track of everything. Approval was granted on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Chairman Crandall, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Scott, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board
Allegany County Board of Legislators