

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

December 16, 2015

NOT APPROVED

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

Others Present: M. Alger, L. Bliven, C. Braack, H. Budinger, S. Burt, N. Carnes, D. Decker, K. Dirlam, L. Edwards, M. Evans, L. Gridley, S. Grusendorf, G. Hanchett, D. Healy, R. Hollis, K. Hooker, J. Hopkins, L. Hunsberger, C. Jessup, H. Kottwitz, K. LaForge, T. Miner, D. Pullen, B. Riehle, D. Root, T. Ross, R. Scott, R. Sobeck-Lynch, S. Torrey

Media Present: No media present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:03 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 November 18, 2015.

County Historian

County Historian Craig Braack stated in the last few weeks he has been given access to 16-millimeter movies of farming scenes around Andover in 1940. He reported he is going to Rochester on Friday to see if they can transfer them onto a DVD. Mr. Braack noted he doesn't know how much it would cost, but he has a little money leftover. He added he is very excited about the movies.

Soil & Water Conservation

Monthly Report

Executive Director Scott Torrey distributed his monthly report. He stated they are finishing paperwork and end-of-year items. They finished a fencing project, milk house waste system, and a bedded pack barn. He reported he was contacted by the State Emergency Services a couple of weeks ago about an application they had submitted to repair the Genesee River in Belfast. They originally applied for funds under Hurricane Sandy, but they were going to move it to a more recent disaster to have a better chance of getting it funded. He is working with them to update the total cost and expenses. Legislator Ungermann asked where the project is in Belfast. Mr. Torrey reported it is just before the senior citizen's home, about one hundred feet from State Route 19. Mr. Torrey said they are finishing the stream bank stabilization project on Van Campen Creek in Friendship for the Cuba Snowmobile Club. Mr. Torrey reported yesterday the Governor announced they are releasing a Southern Tier Agricultural Industry Enhancement Program. This consists of \$25 million for Southern Tier Farms in eleven counties to do agricultural projects. Allegany County will receive \$1.5 million, and the Soil and Water Office will distribute the money. He said farms can apply January 19, 2016. Legislator Ungermann asked what kinds of projects the money will go towards. Mr. Torrey said it is wide open, but they have to meet certain requirements. Legislator Fanton asked what the ratio is. Mr. Torrey replied he believes if it is under \$50,000 it is a ninety/ten percent split. If it is over \$50,000, it is a seventy-five/twenty-five percent split. The maximum

amount is \$100,000. Finally, he said they have \$3,326,220 in State Grant funds for different projects. When adding in the cost share of these grants, the estimated total value of these grants is \$4,432,938.

Agricultural District One

Mr. Torrey reported the Agricultural District One was approved by the Farmland Protection Board, and went through a public hearing on Monday. Mr. Torrey requested a resolution to continue Agricultural District One with modifications as requested. The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Youth Bureau

Monthly Report

Director Linda Edwards pre-filed her monthly report, and asked if anyone had any questions. She said she received dates for the Youth Leadership Forum in Albany. It will be February 8, to February 9, 2016. One youth board member is committed, and she is waiting to hear from the other three. Once she knows who can attend, she will complete and submit the paperwork. Ms. Edwards noted there is money in the budget for them to attend. Legislator Ungermann asked about the Driving While Intoxicated and bicycle safety presentation to the 4-H Club in Pike. Ms. Edwards said they requested both presentations because two kids have their driver's licenses. This presentation also generated a request for her to speak to the Pike Firemen and Junior Fireman. Legislator Ungermann also asked about the quarterly Environmental Strategies Committee meeting. Ms. Edwards said it is a Partners for Prevention Allegany County (PPAC) committee, and they work on things such as keeping propane tanks locked up, strategies to look at Driving While Intoxicated, and alcohol and drug related issues on a County wide basis. It is public relations and programs to distribute educational information.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

Monthly Report

Agriculture and Natural Resource Issue Leader Lynn Bliven stated they are trying to finish projects. She reported Tom Parmenter is working with some dairy acceleration projects, and trying to complete them before the end of the year. She noted there has been an influx in soil testing because of the warmer weather. Executive Director Laura Hunsberger stated she will distribute the Annual Reports from her association as well as from the Cornell Vegetable Program in the Legislators' mailboxes. She said they purchase services through the Cornell Vegetable Program which is about six to eight specialists in different areas. She noted there were a number of photos from programs in Allegany County including the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Program and the High Tunnel Program. Legislator Pullen asked if there is a downside to the mild weather. He noted he saw some daffodils coming up. Ms. Bliven said there are always some tradeoffs along with opportunities. Legislator Graves asked about the insect population. Ms. Bliven said they are adaptable creatures. She noted they can have some impact, but it is hard to know the short-term effects.

Attorney/Client Session

The Committee entered attorney/client session at 1:20 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Fanton, and seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. The Committee exited attorney/client session at 1:41 p.m. on a motion by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Building

Legislator Graves made a motion to declare the building as surplus property, no longer needed for public use, and approve to sell it through public bid, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried. **Refer to Ways & Means**

Appointment to Soil and Water Conservation District Board

The County Farm Bureau requested that the Board consider appointing Marvin Covert as the County Farm Bureau appointee on the Soil and Water Conservation District Board for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2016, and expiring December 31, 2018. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ungermann, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

Appointment to the Fish and Wildlife Management Board

The Chairman of the Board plans to reappoint John Lewis of Wellsville, New York, as the Sportsmen's Representative Member and Zoltan Szabo of Wellsville, New York, as the Sportsmen's Alternative Representative Member of the Fish and Wildlife Management Board, for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2016, and expiring December 31, 2017. There was discussion about having John Lewis as the Sportsmen's Alternative Member and Zoltan Szabo as the Sportsmen's Representative Member. Legislator Ungermann made a motion to table the appointments, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried.

Appointments to Region 9 Fish and Wildlife Management Board

The Chairman of the Board made the following appointments to the Region 9 Fish and Wildlife Management Board to serve a term of two years, commencing January 1, 2016, and expiring December 31, 2017.

Legislative Representative Member
Dwight R. Fanton

Alternate Legislative Member
Aaron M. McGraw

A motion was made by Legislator Graves, seconded by Legislator Fanton, and carried to sponsor a resolution, confirming the Chairman's appointments. **Prepare Resolution**

Good of the Order

Legislator Pullen stated that since the Allegany County Cornell Cooperative Extension is disassociated from the Cattaraugus County Cooperative Extension, a new Constitution has been drafted and prepared. In this Constitution at least two representatives from the Board can be designated to the Allegany County Cornell Cooperative Extension Board. He is willing to

continue on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Board, and the Chairman can appoint another Legislator.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 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