

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 7, 2020**

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Dale Weston, Ed Hollenbeck, Mike Roberts, Dennis Mullen, Marte Sauerbrey

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Wendy Walsh

Guests: Matt Freeze, Morning Times

Legislator Weston called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from December 3, 2019 – Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the December 3, 2019 committee meeting. Legislator Hollenbeck made a motion to accept the December 3, 2019 minutes, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

TIOGA COUNTY SOIL & WATER: Wendy Walsh – Ms. Walsh reviewed her monthly report previously emailed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney– Agenda, attachments and highlights previously emailed. Following are the Director's Highlights:

Meetings Attended

- Workforce Development- Phase II– Study is ongoing.
- Waverly Business Association– Seems like an active group; looking forward to projects in Waverly area.
- Valley Economic Development Association– Membership is low right now.
- Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce– Attended the Edward Jones ribbon cutting.
- The Agency- Attended STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Hub discussions.
- Tioga Opportunities
 - Housing Coalition- Close to pulling this together; identified participants and sending out invitations soon.
 - Housing Director- Participated in Tioga Opportunities interviews for Housing Director. The search continues.

- Municipal Visits
 - Town of Nichols- Solar Project PILOT; resolution listed below. After a short discussion, an agreement was made that the resolution would be pulled and would not move forward.
- Consolidated Funding Awards Announcement- The Southern Tier was awarded \$88.9M.
- Business Visits- none
- Presentations- none

Department Highlights

- Village of Owego DRI- This project is moving forward.
 - TCIDA- Multi site; Ms. Woodburn and Ms. Griffiths have begun individual meetings with project owners reviewing the paperwork.
 - Ti-Ahwaga PAC- Close to completing a contract.
 - Coburn Free Library- Close to completing contract.
- NY Main Street 2019- North Avenue- Applied for \$500,000; received \$250,000.
- Land Bank
 - 429 Chemung Street, Waverly- Demolition complete.
 - 35 Lincoln Street, Waverly- Asbestos study complete.
 - 207 Howard Street, Waverly- Asbestos study complete.
- Community Development
 - Tioga County Housing Study Implementation – Close to getting the Steering Committee in place.
 - Non- Profit Activity- Ms. Hendrickson is working on and making progress on the following:
 - REAP
 - Foundation Coalition
- Workforce
 - Phase II Implementation Strategy
 - Consultant- Working on in-person interviews; list of businesses has been provided for interviews.
- Ag
 - 8 Year District Review- Including 2 districts; Ms. Griffiths is working on; the process has begun.
 - Annual Inclusion Enrollment – Ms. Griffiths is working on; the process has begun.
 - Food Hub- Exploring an innovative approach. Project is moving forward; a company called Deliver Fresh connects producers with consumers on line. They pick up product from our farmers and deliver it directly to the consumers.
 - Ms. Griffiths met with Lisa Engelbert.
 - Ag Value Chain study – Ms. Griffiths is attending the IDA Board Meeting; requesting they be the applicant on an USDA Grant for designated REAP funds to do an Ag Value Chain Study.
 - Ag Tires Recycling Program – Ms. Griffiths is assisting Ms. Pratt on this program; funds have been awarded (\$6,000).

- Planning
 - 2020 Census- Complete Count Committee
 - Outreach ongoing.
 - Additional opportunity for NYS marketing grant funds has become available; Ms. Jardine is making application.
 - 239 Reviews
 - None
 - Active Plans- Ms. Jardine is assisting on the following:
 - Village of Spencer Land Use Commission- Public Hearing held.
 - REAP- Tioga County Code Enforcement Shared Services Feasibility.
 - REAP- Tioga County Workforce Pipeline, Phase II.
 - Village of Waverly Comprehensive Plan update.
- Grants (CFA- Consolidated Funding Application)
 - Potential
 - REAP- USDA, Tioga County (broadband study)
 - REAP- USDA Community Facilities, Town of Richford- (water system)
 - REAP- USDA Community Facilities, Richford Fire Dept.- (fire station)
 - REAP- USDA, Village of Spencer- Raymond Hadley (equipment)
 - TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (Land Bank funds)
 - NYS Complete Count (marketing funds)
 - IDA- USDA, Tioga County (Ag value chain study)
 - Pending
 - Tioga County- Snowmobile
 - Town of Berkshire- DOT (sidewalk extension)
 - Village of Owego- Design Connect (North Avenue Art Park)- Awarded.
 - Village of Owego- Police Station restoration (CFA)- Not Awarded.
 - Village of Owego- Main Street; Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)- Awarded, but reduced to \$250,000 from \$500,000.
 - Village of Owego- Rural Innovation Initiative; applied for by Cell Preservation Services, Inc.
 - Owego Apalachin Central School District- WDI; Workforce Development- Level 2
 - Town of Richford- SAM Grant; Assemblyman Friend's office (highway equipment)
 - REAP- Tioga Downs, Evergreen Cemetery; monument repair – Not Awarded
 - ESD Capital Grants- part of the CFA
 - ◆ Town of Barton- Midwestern Pet Foods- Awarded \$118,000.
 - ◆ Village of Owego- Home Central- Not Awarded
 - ◆ Village of Owego- Racker- Awarded, but reduced to \$424,000 from \$980,000.
 - Active
 - Tioga County- Snowmobile

- Village of Owego- Evergreen Cemetery Cultural Landscape Report
- Village of Owego- RESTORE NY, Briggs/Award
- Village of Owego- Downtown Revitalization Initiative
- Village of Spencer- Nichols Park (grandstand restoration)
- Village of Spencer- Nichols Park (historic register nomination)
- Village of Waverly- Waverly Glen Park
- Village of Waverly- RESTORE NY, Twigg
- REAP- USDA, Code Enforcement Shared Services Feasibility Study
- REAP- USDA REDI, Strategic Planning
- REAP- USDA, Workforce Pipeline Strategy Study- Phase 2
- REAP- USDA, Public Well (equipment)
- REAP- Tioga Downs, Tioga Theater (study)
- TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (Land Bank funds)
- Other CFA Funds Awarded
 - Town of Owego- \$500,000 (salt barn relocation)
 - Town of Owego- \$2,148,000 (water nutrient removal)
 - Village of Owego- \$30,000 (sewer study)
 - Soil & Water- \$30,000 (culvert study)
 - Waterman Conservation Center- \$330,000 (green infrastructure project)
 - Racker Center- \$424,000 (Not-For-Profit Hub construction)

Total CFA Awards for Tioga County projects- \$3,830,000; 4th in region behind Tompkins, Steuben and Broome counties.

- 2020 Budget
 - Economic Development- YE results; report on display.
 - Planning- tracking- YE results; report on display.

Resolutions – The following resolutions were presented and agreement was made to move them forward:

- A11- Resolution to Renew SWCD Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordination Services 2020
- A12- Reappoint Member (Updyke) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- A17- Appoint At Large Member R Kelsey to the TCPDC
- A20- Tioga County Resolution Accepting NYMS Grant and 2020 Budget Modification

As mentioned above, agreement was made that the following resolution would not move forward:

- A21-Authorizing Legislative Chair Signature on LSE PERSEUS Energy LLC and LSE PISCES LLC Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement 2020

ADJOURNMENT – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Linda Sampson
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