# TIOGA COUNTY ED&P/TOURISM/CCE/SOIL & WATER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA

# December 6th, 2022

# 1:00 PM

- MINUTES
  - o Approval of minutes of November 8th, 2022
- FINANCIAL
  - o Economic Development
  - o Planning
  - Sustainability Management
- OLD BUSINESS
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  - o Grants
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- PERSONNEL
- RESOLUTIONS

L07-Resolution to Renew SWCD Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordination Services 2023

L27-Authorize Transfer of Funds for Purchase of Laptop in Solid Waste Dept

L28-Authorize Agreement with Broome County for Hazardous Waste Disposal

- PROCLAMATIONS- N/A
- ADJOURNMENT



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING November 8, 2022

**ATTENDEES:** 

**<u>Legislators:</u>** Barbara Roberts, Dennis Mullen, Dale Weston, Marte Sauerbrey

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Cathy Haskell, Elaine Jardine

Guests: Becca Maffei, Tourism Director

Legislator Ron Ciotoli was not in attendance.

Committee Chair, Legislator Barbara Roberts, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney** – Agenda and attachments previously emailed.

# I. MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes of October 4, 2022 Committee Chair, Legislator Roberts, asked for approval of the minutes from the October 4, 2022 committee meeting. Legislator Weston made a motion to accept the October 4, 2022 minutes, seconded by Legislator Mullen. All were in favor.

# II. FINANCIAL

The 2022 Year-to-Date Budget Reports were in the committee packets. Ms. Tinney reported the following:

- A. Economic Development
  - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
- B. Planning
  - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.
- C. Sustainability Management
  - Year-to-Date Budget is tracking.

## III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reports
  - Tioga County Tourism Becca Maffei, Tourism Director; monthly report previously emailed. Ms. Maffei reviewed her monthly report; highlighting the DRI Wayfinding Sign Project, Holiday Marketing Campaign, Recruitment Website, Waverly Access

Point Plan, Department of Labor Event, Online Services and ITI Digital Event Calendar.

- 2. Cornell Cooperative Extension- No report available.
- 3. Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District No report available.
- 4. Planning, Elaine Jardine– In keeping with staff reporting; Ms. Tinney introduced Ms. Jardine, Planning Director. Ms. Jardine highlighted the following:
  - Mandated activities of the Tioga County Planning Director follows:
    - Any project that requires local approval from the town/village boards or ZBA, within 500 ft. of state or county roads or agricultural district properties must go through the County Planning Board for recommendation. Ms. Jardine does a professional review for the County Planning Board so they can make an informed decision. Ms. Jardine keeps the legislators informed of projects in their districts. A brochure was distributed; Planning and Zoning Referrals Guide.
    - Agricultural Districts- A NYS Ag & Markets Program where farmers enroll their property, and an agreement is made with NYS that they will not convert their land from agriculture for 8 years, the review period for this program. There is also an annual inclusion every January; farmers can include their land in the program.
    - Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan mandated by FEMA needs to be updated every 5 years. This is a living document requiring meetings with the planning committee throughout the five years. Ms. Jardine reported being in contract with Soil and Water Conservation District and they meet with municipal officials for status updates on projects that are listed in the plan to ensure keeping this a living document.
  - Provide technical support to municipalities; work on local land use laws, site plan review, develop and update comprehensive plans, any special projects, 239 referral and review applicability on projects, as well as GIS mapping as required.
  - Assist in writing grants; municipalities, IDA and Economic Development.
  - Provide support to Economic Development; schedule and streamline local approvals, when possible, for projects that come up, GIS mapping, Village of Owego DRI local approvals and zoning compliance letters when needed.
  - Serve on ST8, Southern Tier East Regional Planning Development Board and Apalachin Regional Commission ARC Project Review Committee.
  - Assist in developing the County Strategic Plans and Tioga County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan.
  - Serve on several boards and committees.

Ms. Tinney reported that we are very fortunate to have Ms. Jardine, County Planning Director, located in the Economic Development office; making it easier to work on projects as they come up.

#### B. Grants

- 1. Status
  - a. Potential (13)
  - b. Pending (27)
  - c. Active (37)

# d. Completed (2)

When asked about how potential grants are kept track of, Ms. Tinney reported keeping a running list of all grants we become aware of and share these opportunities with those that might be interested. Ms. Tinney added that Ms. Ortu, as the Community Specialist, may provide guidance on completing the grant. Ms. Tinney will share this list with the committee.

# C. Economic/Community Development

- 1. Village of Owego
  - a. Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) administration This project is ongoing.
    - i. Home Central Project is complete.
    - ii. Municipal projects moving forward.

Ms. Tinney reported the DRI was structured in a way that a group of projects were put under the umbrella of the IDA. As part of that, the IDA would receive an administrative fee associated with those projects. Since it is the ED&P office that is administering the projects, the IDA has agreed to give back most of the administration fee to the County. In the end, the fees may total approximately \$120,000.00, however, the first of these administrative fee payments has been received; \$19,664.40. The IDA passed a resolution stating that 95% of that amount will be paid back to the county and the IDA will retain 5% of that fee. To date \$18,661.18 is being paid back to the County. This money will continue to be paid as the projects progress.

- b. NY Main Street (North Ave.) administration Ongoing.
  - i. Streetscape work is complete.
- c. OPRHP EPF Grant- Owego Police Department Station; ED&P assisted with the grant application and Ms. Jardine is providing oversight on the administration of that grant.
- 2. Village of Waverly
  - a. NY Forward application- Village of Waverly made the short list and with the assistance of the ED&P office, the Village of Waverly did a great job presenting to the Regional Council Board for consideration of \$4.5M, or part of that.

    Announcement to be made December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 3. Village of Candor
  - a. NY Main Street administration- Land Bank project is ongoing; some exterior work is complete.
- 4. Town of Nichols
  - a. Justice grant application submitted.
  - b. Broadband project continues
    - i. Next public meeting November 10th.
    - ii. WENY- Ms. Tinney was interviewed by WENY regarding the Nichols Broadband project.
- 5. Municipalities
  - a. Snowmobile Grants-Ongoing.
  - b. Sweeper/Vacuum truck status

- Shared Services Agreement- still pending; trying to get Town of Owego, Village of Owego, Village of Nichols, and the County onboard with the agreement.
- c. Recruitment Website-Ms. Maffei spoke about earlier.
- 6. REAP
- 7. Leadership Tioga- Commencement planned for Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM.
- D. Land Bank
  - 1. Providence Housing-Potential housing project on Temple/Liberty Street. Ms. Tinney reported visiting a Providence Housing project in the Elmira area; a few Village of Owego Board members went along for the visit.
  - 2. OACSD House rehabilitation project- Ongoing.
- E. Workforce Development
- F. Planning
- G. Sustainability Management
  - 1. November E-Bulletin to be sent to Tioga County Employees.
  - 2. Hazardous Waste Program
    - a. Electronics/Hazardous Waste Pd to Broome Co-\$24,693.15
    - b. Electronics/Tioga County Towns Pd- \$1,641.60
- H. IDA
  - 1. Owego Gardens- Ongoing; water is being tested.
- I. Misc.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reports
- B. Grants
- C. Economic/Community Development
  - 1. Waverly Trail- Cornell Design Connect; Ms. Maffei talked about earlier.
  - 2. Racker-TEAM Tioga was recognized by Racker for a Community Award, it was a nice event.
- D. Presentations (2)
  - 1. TC Chamber Business Expo
    - a. Networkina/Marketina
    - b. Business Funding Opportunities
- E. Land Bank- Ms. Tinney reported a presentation was made by Ms. Jardine at the Rotary Club regarding the Land Bank due to Ms. Woodburn being detained with another project.
- F. Workforce Development- Mr. Lanning continues to work on the following:
  - 1. Regional Council Focus Groups-Workforce Development
  - 2. NYATEP Conference attended
  - 3. School/BOCES meetings
  - 4. Waverly Manufacturing Day
  - 5. Y-ON Coalition meeting
  - 6. Intergovernmental Sub Committee meeting

- 7. Education Workforce Report completed and posted to the ED&P website. A press release was sent. Ms. Tinney will send the report on to the committee.
- G. Planning- Ms. Jardine worked on the following:
  - 1. 239 Reviews (4)
    - a. County Case 2022-027: Town of Owego, Area Variance (Harry's Expressway)recommendation for approval
    - b. County Case 2022-028: Town of Owego, Rezoning (Mosher)- unanimous recommendation for approval
    - c. County Case 2022-029: Town of Tioga, Site Plan Review (Hea Hea LLC)-recommendation for approval
    - d. County Case 2022-030; Town of Owego, Special Use Permit (Art of Combat)applicant withdrew request
- H. Sustainability Management
  - 1. Town of Nichols Clean-up Event- Ms. Pratt attended and received positive feedback.
- I. IDA
- J. Misc.
  - 1. State Lead Responses (0)
  - 2. Snowmobile Clubs are requesting an increase in registration fees.

    Ms. Tinney reported that currently club members pay \$45.00, non-members pay \$100.00. Looking for an increase requiring members to pay \$65.00, non-members pay \$135.00. Resolution listed below asking for the County's support for the increase.

# V. PERSONNEL

A. Woodburn-Salary increase request; resolution listed below.

# VI. RESOLUTIONS (17)

- K09-Reappoint Member (Tinney) to the Broome-Tioga Local Workforce Development Board
- K10-Reappoint Member (Yetter) to the Broome-Tioga Local Workforce Development Board
- K12- Reappointment of Member (J Lacey) to Ag Farmland Protection Board 2022
- K13 -Reappoint Member (D Chrzanowksi) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- K14 -Reappoint Member (B Goodrich) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- K15 -Reappoint Member (G Updyke) to the Tioga County Planning Board
- K17-Transfer Sale of Property to TCPDC
- K20-Accept Grant Funds 2022 Solid Waste Budget
- K27-Filing of an Application for DEC Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling (MWRR) Program
- K34-Reappoint L Pelotte to TCPDC Board
- K36-Reappoint S Yetter Jr to TCPDC Board
- K37-Reappoint M Sauerbrey to TCPDC Board
- K38-Reappoint D Astorina to TCPDC Board
- K39-Appoint At Large Member R Kelsey to the TCPDC

 K44- Support the Increase of the Snowmobile Trail Development and Maintenance Fund

This committee was in support to move the above resolutions forward, vote followed:

Legislator Roberts - yes Legislator Mullen - yes Legislator Weston – yes

After some discussion, it was decided the following resolution required a revision adding an additional RESOLVED to cancel action in the event the USDA grant closes prior to payoff:

 K11-Resolution Authorizing the Payoff of Interim Financing Associated with Village of Nichols USDA Grant

With no further topics of discussion or questions, Legislator Mullen motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the following resolution:

• K18-Authorize Salary Increase for Economic Development Planning

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Executive session by Legislator Mullen at 2:33P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Sampson Administrative Assistant Economic Development



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ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
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TOTAL Economic Development	353,788	-65,759	288,029	247,541.49	.00	40,487.53	85.9%
TOTAL General Fund	353,788	-65,759	288,029	247,541.49	.00	40,487.53	85.9%
TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENSES	-76,200 429,988	-193,750 127,991	-269,950 557,979	-134,868.35 382,409.84	.00	-135,081.65 175,569.18	

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A8020 Planning							
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TOTAL Planning	254,662	0	254,662	223,784.71	.00	30,877.47	87.9%
TOTAL General Fund	254,662	0	254,662	223,784.71	.00	30,877.47	87.9%
TOTAL EXPENSES	254,662	0	254,662	223,784.71	.00	30,877.47	

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	GRAND TOTAL	254,662	0	254,662	223,784.71	.00	30,877.47	87.9%

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ACCOUNTS FOR: A General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
A8160 Refuse & Garbage							
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TOTAL Refuse & Garbage	260,460	0	260,460	128,341.25	10,000.00	122,118.50	53.1%
TOTAL General Fund	260,460	0	260,460	128,341.25	10,000.00	122,118.50	53.1%
TOTAL REVENUES TOTAL EXPENSES	-28,000 288,460	-5,000 5,000	-33,000 293,460	-5,413.08 133,754.33	10,000.00	-27,586.92 149,705.42	

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REFERRED TO:

**ED&P COMMITTEE** 

RESOLUTION NO. -22

RESOLUTION TO RENEW CONSULTANT CONTRACT FOR HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN COORDINATOR FOR 2023

WHEREAS: Per resolution 193-12 and resolution 218-13, the Tioga County Legislature contracted with the Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District to perform the Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordinator services based on a mutually agreeable work plan with specific tasks; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Planning Department continues to lack existing capacity to perform these FEMA-required services; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Planning Department has sufficient funds in the 2023 budget to cover these expenses, in the amount of \$20,000 from Planning Appropriation account A8020 540140; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature does hereby authorize the renewal of said contract with Tioga County Soil & Water Conservation District, to perform Hazard Mitigation Coordinator services from January 1 - December 31, 2023, not to exceed \$20,000 from Planning Appropriation account A8020 540140, and authorizes the Tioga County Legislative Chair to sign all related contract paperwork, contingent upon review and approval of the County Attorney.

REFERRED TO: ED&P COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -22 AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR

PURCHASE OF LAPTOP FOR THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Solid Waste Sustainability Manager has found it necessary to replace the office laptop; and

WHEREAS: The County's Purchasing and Payment Policy, Section V. states any request to purchase a device requiring network or phone connectivity must receive approval from the Director of Information Technology; and

WHEREAS: The Chief Information Officer has recommended and approved the purchase of a laptop; and

WHEREAS: The Solid Waste Budget does not have an established computer equipment expense line for the purchase of this laptop; and

WHEREAS: Amending the Solid Waste Budget with the addition of the computer expense line, A8160 520090, and the transfer of funds requires Legislative approval; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Solid Waste Sustainability Manager be authorized to purchase the laptop and the following funds be transferred for this purchase:

From: A8160 - 542140 Contracting Service \$850

To: A8160 - 520090 Computer \$850

REFERRED TO:

ED&P COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -22

INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH BROOME COUNTY FOR DISPOSAL OF

HAZARDOUS WASTE

WHEREAS: Tioga County has had a contract and inter-municipal agreement for the disposal of hazardous waste with Broome County for the last twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS: Broome County and Tioga County developed a proposal plus an inter-municipal agreement allowing Tioga County to utilize Broome County's Hazardous Waste Facility for 2 years, 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes and directs the Chair or their designee to renew the contract and inter-municipal agreement for the disposal of hazardous waste with Broome County for 2 years, 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2024, upon approval by the County Attorney.



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# **December 2022 CCE Agricultural Highlights**

# **Prepared for Tioga County Legislature Update**

# Cornell University Food & Agriculture Research

 Cornell Global Development and Cornell AES (Agriculture Experiment Station) Research will be partnering with Hilltop Community Farm to grow 40+ varieties of rice suitable to the Northeast.

# Hilltop Community Farm Beginning Farmer Incubator RFP

- RFP applications for both vegetable and small ruminant livestock beginning farmers closed
   Dec 1st. Three year land tenure of awarded applicants will begin Spring 2023.
- Awarded \$20K from Tioga Downs Fdn to support farm infrastructure for a military veteran incubator farmer.

# 4-H Youth Development

- Working closely with Tioga County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) to increase the number of youth served in the community. This expansion will incorporate the school districts and FFA.
- Launching a "Community 4-H Club" model that will spark the interests of more youth in STEM topics outside of the traditional club model.

Respectfully submitted,

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T Hanson | Executive Director

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Tioga County



# Legislative Report December 2022

### **AGRICULTURE:**

- AGNPSC Grant Updates:
  - Round 24: project complete working on closeout.
  - Round 25: working on project closeout.
  - Round 26 Fall implementation occurred of cover crops, on more year of funding to support cover crop implementation on 2 farms. Planning a soil health meeting for this winter.
  - Round 27- Grant awarded for 3 farms to implement stream corridor plans, including buffer and wetland components. Work plan submitted to state waiting on contract. Held contract signing with all three farms. 2 projects will be delayed to 2023 due to increase costs in materials and one project is underway now.
  - Round 28 Grant awarded, plan of work submitted waiting on a contract. 2 Farms participated in stream restoration practices.
  - Climate Resilient Farming Round 6 awarded for a maple farm, cropland and stream restoration components. Submitting Plan of work.
- Partnerships:
  - ARG meeting held update on CB TMDL and Tioga specific implementation numbers.
  - Partners meeting holding quarterly partner meeting with NRCS and FSA to track workload and projects that have both federal and local support.
- AEM Base Round 17 Program:
  - Work plan approved waiting on contract for \$280,000, with breakout as follows: \$180,000 technical assistance funding and \$100,000 for implementation. We have 8 farms planning to do buffer maintenance work to insure buffer success and 5 farms to complete implementation projects of BMPs.
  - Buffer Implementation staff organized and planted 5.5 acres, 1085 stems, and had 66 volunteers. We completed 9 replant sites, 11.85 acres with a total of 2785 stems.
  - BMP Verification for Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) 18 farms and 4 streams sites selected for verification of practices.
  - Plan development with farms we have numerous farms working with the District on grazing plans (2), stream corridor plans (3), and Comprehensive Nutrient Management plans (3).
- NRCS Contribution Agreement (CTA): Tioga SWCD has a PE on staff, we received a contract from NRCS to support engineering workload in the watershed. 75% of our staff time is covered for design, construction oversight, and as-builts.
  - Otsego Projects: 8 projects underway (combination of farmstead and stream practices)
  - Cortland Projects: 3 projects designed and implemented, assessing additional workload for 2022.
  - Chenango: 2 projects underway; 1 stream project completed; completing 1 CRP grazing system design.

- Chemung: 1 Cropland project design completed, implementation to move forward in 2022.
- Lots of requests for engineering assistance from SWCDs within the watershed; entering into a separate agreement with Tompkins SWCD for engineering services.

#### **CHESAPEAKE BAY TMDL:**

Final submittal of data for 2021-2022 was submitted to CBP. We are nearing the 2025 deadline for the TMDL, beginning discussions of what this means and what comes next.

#### **DEAN CREEK WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT:**

Working on addressing plan comments for final submittal.

#### **HAZARD MITIGATION:**

- County Contract completed quarter 3rd request for funds.
- NYRC Regional River Initiative: Gaylord Road close out completed. Fuller Hollow secured change order for some additional plantings to take place this fall.
- Disaster Declaration 4625 working on projects funding requests. Requesting funds to do a repair on a streambank project and remove debris from debris basins in Dean Creek.

**STORMWATER:** Assisting Town of Owego with review of SWPPPs for Barton Solar Array and a Dollar General.

#### STREAM PROGRAM:

## **WQIP** grants:

- Fox Rd. Culvert Design- close out completed; met with Town of Owego and provided them with design package.
- Owego Creek Glenmary Drive project developed design and engineering cost estimate, estimate exceeds grant funds, we will continue to look for other grant sources, and in the meantime will wait to see if our HMGP buyout application is successful.
- Municipal and Private landowner assistance- multiple site visits made to assist landowners with stream issues and assistance provided to highway departments on planned projects. December 1<sup>st</sup> holding an Emergency Stream Intervention Training (ESI) for highway personnel. 39 registered for the training.



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# **DRI Wayfinding Sign Project**

Branding is complete. The committee met to review drafts of the sign mapping. IDS is connecting with Hunt to ensure collaboration with the Village. See attached for more information.

# **Holiday Marketing Campaign**

TCT is updating the website to promote holiday shopping, dining and events. We will also be running a digital and social media campaign to bolster the holiday shopping season and encourage overnight stays.

#### **Recruitment Website**

The recruitment website is continuing to be worked on. The timeline has been extended to ensure that it is dynamic and sustainable for maintenance by TCT and TC ED&P.

## **Waverly Access Point Plan**

Cornell Design Connect is conducting community engagement events in Waverly. Becca and Abbey attended a student engagement workshop with Waverly High School. More community engagement events are being planned to ensure the design aligns with community needs.

#### **Department of Labor Event**

Roughly 150 employees of the Department of Labor Office in Endicott registered for a day out in Owego. TCT hosted the registration at the Visitor Center and created a passport-type challenge that could be completed with a hard-copy or on the app. Those that completed the challenge received a tote bag and were entered to win additional prizes. Approximately 12 people turned their completed challenges into the Visitor Center.

#### **Online Services**

This project was scheduled to end in October, but the grant resources were not fully used, so we have received an extension. We will be continuing with some of the current projects and updating the scope of work to include training that can be used by more partners, such as an inperson workshop to help partners to update their google profiles.

## **ITI Digital Event Calendar**

TCT is able to use ILNY funds to add an automatic event calendar to our website and app. This service will aggregate events that are promoted online and on social media and automatically add them to our events calendars. They will be vetted by TCT staff. Here is an example of what the event calendar will look like:

https://ptcpassport.visitpeachtreecity.com/events/