



Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board
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Paul Vickery, Chairman David V. Bottar, Executive Director

MINUTES

CNY RPDB Annual Meeting 15 December 2004

Sheraton University Hotel and Conference Center
Syracuse, New York

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Lawrence Baker, Terri Bridenbecker, Daniel Dineen, Rocco DiVeronica, David Elleman, Linda Hartsock, Theodore Jerrett, John Kruk, Russell Lura, Mary Ann Messinger, William Meyer, David Miller, James Murphy, John Ozolins, Royden Parratt, Ann Petrus, Louis Pettinelli, Kathleen Rapp, Danny Ross, Kimberly Seager, Frederick Talbot, Walter Tennant, L. Michael Treadwell, Bruce Trexler, Garry VanGorder, Paul Vickery, and Stephen Zabriskie.

Guests: Brian Anderson, Niagara Mohawk-A National Grid Co.; Barbara Blanchard, Tompkins County Legislator; Tom Blanchard, Metropolitan Development Association; Robert Brower, IAGT; Peter Cann, Madison County Industrial Development Agency; Virginia Carmody, Office of U.S. Congressman James Walsh; Bill Connor, IAGT; JoAnn Cucci, FOCUS Greater Syracuse; Patricia Cerro-Reehil, New York Water Environment Association; Linda Dombrow, Office of NYS Senator Nancy L. Hoffmann; Sue Dwyer, Cayuga County Clerk; Steve Eidt, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; Robert Hennigan, New York Water Environment Association; Gregory Hitchin, Onondaga County Dept. of Economic Development; Walt Jaquay, Madison County Board of Supervisors; Karen Kitney, SOCPA; Anthony Kolinski, Empire State Development Corporation; Jack Loveland, COMCO Development Board; Herbert Marshall, Cayuga County Legislative Chairman; Michael Masse, Chase Bank; Connie Maute, Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce; Jacob Miller, Madison County Planning Department; Vijay Mital; Peter Moffa, Brown and Caldwell; Colleen O'Mara, Office of NYS Assemblyman William Magarelli; Chuck Murphy, Office of NYS Senator John DeFrancisco; Bonne Palmer, Empire State Development Corporation; Bernard Paptrocki, Small Business Administration; Andria Ripka, CNY Works; Beth Rougeux, SU Center for Science/Technology; Mary Rowlands, SMTC; Joe Russo, Niagara Mohawk-A National Grid Company; Morris Sorbello; Mary Thompson, FOCUS Greater Syracuse; U.S. Congressman James T. Walsh; Thomas Wight, Beardsley Design Associates; Randall Wolken, MACNY.

Staff: Kathleen Bertuch, David Bottar, Carol Faucher, Stephanie Harrington, Bruce Keplinger, Kristy Lamanche, Benjamin Manton, Lisa Meaney, Karen Novak, Pamela O'Malley, and Anne Saltman.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Paul Vickery called the annual meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. at the Sheraton Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York and stated that a quorum was present.

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA/OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Vickery asked if Board members had any changes to the day's agenda and minutes from the October 2004 board meeting. Hearing none, Chairman Vickery accepted the day's agenda and minutes as presented.

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman Vickery asked CNY RPDB Nominating Committee Member Theodore Jerrett to present his report to the full Board on the 2005 slate of officers.

On behalf of the members of this year's committee, Mr. Jerrett announced the 2005 slate of officers as follows: for the office of Chairman, Paul Vickery of Oswego County; for the office of Vice-Chair, Frederick Talbot of Madison County; for the office of Vice-Chair, Kathleen Rapp of Onondaga County; for the office of Vice-Chair, Walter Tennant of Cortland County; for the office of Vice-Chair, Ann Petrus of Cayuga County, and for the office of Secretary/Treasurer, David Elleman of Onondaga County.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Jerrett's report, Chairman Vickery accepted the nominations on behalf of the Board and then asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Chairman Vickery moved acceptance of the 2005 slate of officers as presented by the Nominations Committee, seconded by Kimberly Seager, unanimous approval.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Executive Director David Bottar presented a narrative and power point presentation regarding the CNY RPDB's program accomplishments in 2004. Members and guests were also directed to copies of the CNY RPDB's annual report which were distributed to all attendees.

Mr. Bottar summarized a number of activities undertaken by staff in 2004 covering a range of program areas including economic development, environmental management, land use and transportation, and regional information services.

Under economic development, Mr. Bottar noted that the CNY RPDB continued its project development work by securing a \$750,000 EDA grant to assist the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce with the completion of construction activities on the Syracuse Technology Garden; assisting the Cortland County Industrial Development Agency in preparing a master plan for the development of a 260-acre business park in the Town of Cortlandville; and securing a \$1,000,000 EDA grant to assist the City of Syracuse with the reconstruction of Solar Street in the Syracuse Lakefront.

Mr. Bottar also noted that the CNY RPDB continued efforts to support the growth of small businesses through the administration of its CNY Enterprise Development Fund and continued its efforts to complete the annual update of the Central New York Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

In environmental management, Mr. Bottar noted the agency completed the preparation of a management plan for Oneida Lake. Also noted were the agency's efforts to help communities implement a stormwater management program in CNY, develop plans for restoration of Lake Neatahwanta, and ongoing assistance with restoration of Onondaga Lake.

In the area of Land Use and Transportation planning, Mr. Bottar noted several projects including the Hamilton – Pine Woods Corridor Management Plan, the Finger Lakes conservation program, and the Cortland County arterial access project.

Mr. Bottar concluded his remarks by noting the agency will have a very active planning program in 2005.

5. **FEATURE PRESENTATION**

Mr. Bottar introduced the day's featured speaker, the Honorable James T. Walsh, U.S. House of Representatives, 25th District. In his remarks, Congressman Walsh highlighted the many attributes that make the quality of life in Central New York attractive including the CNY waterways, boundless recreational trails, farmland, and open space. As a senior member of Congress, Congressman Walsh noted that he has been able to secure millions of dollars for various projects in the CNY region including Onondaga Lake, Owasco Lake, Oneida Lake, Finger Lakes Open Space & Agricultural Conservation Project.

Congressman Walsh encouraged members of the audience to push for the formation of a regional authority to operate Syracuse Hancock International Airport. The Congressman also noted another item of significance for the region will be the actions of the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC), which could adversely impact military operations at Hancock Field Air National Guard in Syracuse and Griffiss Labs in Rome, New York. In closing, Congressman Walsh highlighted national items of significance for the 109th Congress in 2005 including energy and transportation reform, social security reform, and tax reform.

6. **PRESENTATION OF THE 2004 RHEA ECKEL CLARK AWARD**

Vice-Chair Ann Petrus provided background and historical information on the Rhea Eckel Clark Citizenship Award. Ms. Petrus announced that this year's recipient of the 2004 Rhea Eckel Clark Award is U.S. Congressman James T. Walsh. Mr. Walsh accepted the award and stated that he was honored to receive this distinguished award and thanked the members of the Board.

7. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Vickery thanked his fellow Board members for their time and work during this year of transition to a new executive director. Chairman Vickery also extended a note of appreciation to Mr. Bottar and the rest of his staff.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Vickery extended holiday wishes and thanked everyone for attending the annual meeting. The meeting was then adjourned at 1:45 p.m.