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## AGENDA

### April 2005 Meeting Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

Wednesday, April 13, 2005  
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

CNY RPDB  
Lower Level Conference Room  
100 Clinton Square, Syracuse, New York

*Chairman Paul Vickery, Presiding*

1. Call to Order P. Vickery
2. Approval of Day's Agenda and Minutes from the February 16, 2005 Meeting P. Vickery
3. Feature Presentations:  
**Waterfront Revitalization in Central New York** B. Manton  
*Port Byron Canal – Michele Beilman*  
*Three Rivers Project - Naomi Bray*  
*Tioughnioga River Trail – Linda Hartsock*
4. Executive Director's Report D. Bottar
5. Old/New Business P. Vickery



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## MINUTES

### **CNY Regional Planning and Development Board Board of Directors Meeting April 13, 2005**

126 North Salina Street, Suite 200  
Syracuse, New York

#### ATTENDANCE

**Board Members:** Terri Bridenbecker, Donald Chambers, Daniel Dineen, Rocco DiVeronica, David Elleman, Brian Frazier, Linda Hartsock, Theodore Jerrett, John Kruk, Russell Lura, Joe Mareane, Mary Ann Messinger, William Meyer, David Miller, James Murphy, Ann Petrus, James Rafte, Kathleen Rapp, Danny Ross, Clarence Rycraft, William Southern, Scott Steve, Frederick Talbot, L. Michael Treadwell, Paul Vickery, and Stephen Zabriskie.

**Guests:** Merwin Armstrong, Cortland County Legislator; Michele Beilman, NYS Canal Society; Naomi Bray, Town of Clay; Linda Clark, Niagara Mohawk, A National Grid Company; John Eallonardo, Onondaga County Parks Department; Joe Eggleston; Charlotte Holstein, FOCUS Greater Syracuse; Karen Kitney, Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency; Susan Lettis, Office of U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton; Herbert Marshall, Cayuga County Legislative Chairman; Lou Pettinelli, COMCO Development Corporation; Mark Rupprecht, Town of Clay; Kim Seager, Oswego County Legislator; Andrea Seamans, Office of the Cayuga County Legislature; Vanderie Vielie, Office of NYS Assemblyman William Magnarelli; and Bebette Yunis, NYS Governor's Office.

**Staff:** Kathleen Bertuch, David Bottar, Carol Faucher, Stephanie Harrington, Bruce Keplinger, Kristy Lamanche, Benjamin Manton, and Anne Saltman.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

##### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Paul Vickery called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. at the conference room of the CNY Regional Planning & Development Board.

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

The first order of business was a review of the day's agenda and minutes from the February 2005 meeting. Chairman Vickery asked if board members had any changes to the day's agenda and minutes from the February 2005 meeting. Hearing none, Chairman Vickery asked for a motion to accept the day's agenda and minutes as presented, so moved William Southern; seconded by Rocco DiVeronica; unanimously approved.

3. **FEATURE PRESENTATIONS**

Chairman Paul Vickery introduced Mr. Benjamin Manton, Program Manager for the CNY RPDB's Land Use and Transportation program. Mr. Manton provided a brief overview of various waterfront revitalization activities across Central New York including the waterfront communities of the Cities of Oswego and Fulton, and the Village of Baldwinsville. Specific waterfront initiatives discussed at the meeting include:

Port Byron Canal

Ms. Michele Beilman, Executive Director of the NYS Canal Society summarized the revitalization efforts of the Port Byron Old Erie Canal Heritage Park. The project will consist of a new cultural visitor facility interpreting New York State canal heritage, with particular emphasis on the Erie Canal. The project will serve as a point of orientation and introduction to travelers along the New York State Thruway to canal destinations and attractions in other communities across New York State. This project is expected to be completed in 2006.

Three Rivers Project

Naomi Bray, Town of Clay Council Member presented an overview on the proposed revitalization efforts slated for the historic Three Rivers Point area in the northern suburb of the Town of Clay. The goal is to create a state of the art full-service marina/boating facility, which will make the Three Rivers area a major tourist destination along the Erie Canal and three rivers waterways. In addition, brownfield sites will be cleaned and new housing construction is planned for the surrounding area. In conclusion, Ms. Bray stated that the Three Rivers project has abundant potential for tourists and residents in the area.

Tioughnioga River Trail

Linda Hartsock, Executive Director of the Cortland County Business Development Corporation, summarized the Tioughnioga River Trail, a New York State Heritage Waterway. The scenic trail extends from Dwyer Park in Little York south to Marathon. The Tioughnioga River Trail project consists of a riverfront trail system compatible with the existing parks along the river to accommodate hiking, biking, cross country skiing, and other family activities. The primary focus will be to enhance public fishing, boating access sites, and the use and enjoyment of the river.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Bottar noted that the Executive Committee met on March 16<sup>th</sup> to review the February 2005 financial statement and other administrative items. The next Executive Committee meeting has been scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bottar encouraged members to participate in a letter writing campaign being conducted by the Hancock Military Affairs Community Council to promote the military units at Hancock Field. The U.S. Department of Defense has announced that it plans to close 25 percent of the nation's military operations under the Base Realignment and Closure review process.

Mr. Bottar indicated that CNY RPDB staff has developed a news clipping service to highlight various projects underway in each of the Central New York counties.

In conclusion, Mr. Bottar announced that program committees will meet on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Below is the schedule for each committee:

9:00 a.m.	Environmental Management
10:30 a.m.	Land Use and Transportation
12:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
1:30 p.m.	Economic Development

The next Board meeting has been scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>, which will focus on the annual update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and will also include a guest presentation regarding higher education in upstate New York.

5. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Vickery stated that there was no old / new business to report.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Vickery thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.