



Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board

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Paul W. Pinckney, Chairman

David V. Bottar, Executive Director

**CNY RPDB
Board Meeting**

**June 26, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**126 N. Salina Street
Syracuse, New York 13202**

(100 Clinton Square Building -Lower Level Conference Room)

AGENDA

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| 1. | Luncheon and Call to Order | All |
| 2. | Approval of Day's Agenda and Minutes from April 24, 2019 Board Meeting | Paul Pinckney |
| 3. | NOAA Eastern Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary Nomination
-Philip R. Church, County Administrator, Oswego County
and Chairman of the NMS Task Force | Philip Church |
| 4. | Executive Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NYS Lake Ontario REDI• Board Meeting August 28th• Annual Meeting and Nominations for REC Award | David Bottar |
| 5. | Old/New Business | Paul Pinckney |
| 6. | Adjournment | Paul Pinckney |



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MINUTES

Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board Board of Directors Meeting June 26, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Julie Abbott-Kenan, Cynthia Aikman, Pamela Caraccioli, Joseph DeForest, David Gardner, Edward Gilson, Scott Ingmire, Cydney Johnson, David Knapp, Dan Kwasnowski, Morris Sorbello, Brian Tobin, Steve Zabriskie.

Staff and Guests: Kathy Bertuch, David Bottar, Chris Carrick, Jeanie Gleisner, Bruce Keplinger, Amanda Mazzoni, Janet Neumann, Debbie Phillips, and Mike Rosanio; **Guests:** Philip Church and Ellen Brody.

1. CALL TO ORDER

David Bottar called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm at the offices of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES

A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the agenda and minutes (04/24/19) as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. NOAA Eastern Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary Nomination

Mr. Bottar introduced staff member Jeanie Gleisner who provided some background information regarding the agency's work in support of the proposed Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary. As part of this discussion, members observed a video presentation that was prepared by NOAA-Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. At the completion of the video, Mr. Bottar introduced Philip Church, Oswego County Administrator and Chair of the Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary Nomination Task Force. Mr. Church provided a power point presentation that summarized the NOAA National Marine Sanctuary program and the status of the Eastern Lake Ontario nomination.

Mr. Church began his remarks by noting the National Marine Sanctuary System program consist of a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 600,000 square miles of marine and

Great Lakes waters from Washington State to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. It was noted that the network includes 13 national marine sanctuaries and two marine national monuments. In describing this program further, Mr. Church noted that through the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, NOAA can identify, designate, and protect areas of the marine and Great Lakes environment that have special national significance due to their conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, scientific, cultural, archeological, or esthetic qualities as national marine sanctuaries.

Mr. Church noted the county was contacted by NOAA in 2014 and encouraged to consider a nomination application. It was noted that following a series of community leadership meetings with representatives from Oswego, Jefferson, and Wayne Counties, a decision was made by a task force for Oswego County to submit a nomination for a proposed 1,700 square-mile sanctuary in Eastern Lake Ontario to protect historically significant shipwrecks and related marine heritage resources – including 21 known shipwrecks and one aircraft representing events spanning more than 200 years of the nation's history.

Mr. Church continued his remarks by noting that the formal nomination was submitted by the County in January 2017. Mr. Church noted that NOAA formally accepted the nomination in April 2019 adding Eastern Lake Ontario to an inventory that NOAA will consider for formal designation as a marine sanctuary. In response to questions, Mr. Church noted the designation process can take NOAA 3-4 years to complete and involves four steps including scoping, sanctuary proposal, public review, and sanctuary designation. Mr. Church indicated the nomination has received strong support from representatives at the federal, state, and local level. Mr. Church concluded his remarks by thanking the CNY RPDB for their ongoing support of the nomination.

4. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Bottar began his report by referencing a handout regarding the Governor's recently announced Lake Ontario Resiliency & Economic Development Initiative. It was noted that this funding initiative is designed to assist communities that have been impacted by major storm events and flooding to develop plans and fund projects that protect and adopt infrastructure along the Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River waterfronts. It was noted that funding through this program is expected to be awarded by the State within the next 12 months.

Mr. Bottar continued his remarks by noting staff work on several projects and program initiatives currently underway across the region. Reference was also made to a handout with information regarding a major indoor agriculture project that is under construction by Mastronardi Produce – Green Empire Farms in Madison County. Mr. Bottar concluded his remarks by noting the next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 31st and the next full Board meeting is set for August 28th.

5. Old and New Business:

Steve Zabriskie referenced a handout and reminded members that the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service is bringing an exhibition to Central New York this summer titled Water/Ways. It was noted that the exhibition will be appearing at the Erie Canal Museum in

Syracuse from June 29th – August 10th and at the Aurora Masonic Center in the Village of Aurora from August 16th – September 27th.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was introduced and seconded to adjourn the meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Michael Treadwell, Secretary/Treasurer