



Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany & Steuben Counties

Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority

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John Margeson, Chairman

MINUTES – February 12, 2007

The Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany and Steuben Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority met at 9:30 AM on February 12, 2007 at the BOCES Conference Room, 4039 Route 219, Suite 200, Salamanca, New York. The following persons were in attendance:

Board Members

Seth Corwin
William Daly
Joseph Eade
Terry Everetts
James Griffin
Karl Kruger
Tom Livak
Fran Lus
John Margeson
Timothy O'Grady
Robert Walrod

Others Attending

Crystal Abers
Thomas Barnes
Jerry Burrell
William Burt
Charles Couture
James Fong
Vergilio Giardini
P.T. Goodwill
Terry Hahn
Robert Iszard
Kathy Kellogg
Judi McCarthy
Kenneth McClune
Rick Miller
Michael O'Brien
Michael Rosenswie
Donald Rychnowski
Brian Schrantz
William Sprague
Sharon Turano

Representing

Steuben County
Chautauqua County
Cattaraugus County
Cattaraugus County
Steuben County
Allegany County
Cattaraugus County
Chautauqua County
Allegany County
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Chautauqua County

Representing

Cattaraugus County Legislature
Southern Tier West
Cattaraugus County Legislature
WNYP
Cattaraugus County Legislature
WNY Railway Historical Society
Cattaraugus County Legislature
Norfolk Southern Railway Employee
Village of Franklinville
NYS ESDC
Buffalo News
Hinsdale Central School
Cattaraugus County Legislature
Olean Times Herald
Cattaraugus County Legislature
General Public, Eldred, PA
Southern Tier West
Southern Tier West
Cattaraugus County Legislature
Jamestown Post Journal

Jeffrey VanDeCar
Richard Zink
Michael Watson
David Witherell
Linda Witte

Town of Hinsdale
Southern Tier West
Allegany-Limestone Central School
Town of Portville
Cattaraugus County Legislature

Call to Order and Introduction of Those Present

Chairman John Margeson called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. Mr. Margeson welcomed newly appointed STERA Board member Seth Corwin of Steuben County. Following this, introductions were made of those present..

North-South Line Proposal

Mr. Burt made a presentation to those present regarding the proposed north-south line transaction. STERA had invited representatives of Cattaraugus County, towns of Franklinville, Hinsdale, Ischua, Machias, Olean, and Portville, and the school districts of Allegany-Limestone, Franklinville, Hinsdale, Olean, Pioneer, and Portville. Following the presentation, Mr. Burt answered questions, and STERA took comments on the proposed transaction.

The Board recessed the meeting and entered into executive session in the Southern Tier West office conference room to discuss a particular topic on the railroad line (Kruger, Eade, passing unanimously).

The Board re-entered the meeting in the Southern Tier West office conference room from executive session (Eade, Kruger, passing unanimously).

The STERA Board approved a resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into agreements with Norfolk Southern Railway and/or its corporate affiliates, and with the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad, to file deeds, and to do all things necessary (1) to acquire and lease back the Norfolk Southern Buffalo Line between the Cattaraugus/Wyoming County boundary and the New York/Pennsylvania boundary, together with its associated rail trackage, facilities, and property; and (2) to amend the existing PILOT agreement covering the Southern Tier Extension Rail Line to include the Buffalo Line and extend its term and PILOT schedule by six years; provided that William Burt is authorized to negotiate with Norfolk Southern Railway a PILOT on the Buffalo Line, to include a transitional payment in the first year, subject to the approval of STERA (Kruger, Eade, passing unanimously, Griffin abstaining).

STERA Bylaws

The STERA Board adopted by resolution a set of bylaws for the organization (Griffin, Eade, passing unanimously).

Other Business

The STERA Board adopted a resolution to waive all other business until the subsequent meeting (Eade, Kruger, passing unanimously).

Next Meeting

The Authority indicated that it will next meet as appropriate to do business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM (Eade, Kruger, passing unanimously).

I certify that this is an accurate summary of the meeting of the Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany and Steuben Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority held on the date indicated above.

Name: _____

Office: _____

Date: _____