



Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany & Steuben Counties

Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority

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STERA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES – April 21, 2008

The Governance Committee of the Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany and Steuben Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority met at 9:00 AM on April 21, 2008 in the Conference Room in the office of the Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board in the Center for Regional Excellence, 4039 Route 219, Suite 200, Salamanca, New York. The following persons were in attendance:

Committee Members In Attendance

Joseph Eade, Chairman
Seth Corwin
William Daly
Timothy O'Grady

Representing

Cattaraugus County
Steuben County
Chautauqua County
Allegany County

Committee Members Not In Attendance

None

Others Attending

Thomas Barnes
James Griffin

Representing

Southern Tier West
Steuben County

Call to Order and Introduction of Those Present

Committee Chairman Joseph Eade called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Committee Business

Mr. Griffin had indicated that he felt that the STERA Board may be acting improperly by empowering its Executive Committee to act in between meetings of the full Board, and that furthermore, telephone conference call meetings or the Executive Committee and email votes of the Executive Committee probably were not consistent with the Public Authority Accountability Act. The Committee decided to recommend that the Board authorize contacting Robert Ryan of Harris Beach LLP or another attorney with similar PAAA experience for an opinion on these issues and to review the STERA Bylaws for consistency with the PAAA. Mr. Griffin also had suggested that the attorney also research whether STERA had any filing obligations with respect to the State and federal tax departments.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting Date and Agenda for Next Meeting

Mr. Eade noted that the Governance Committee probably would next meet before the next Board meeting to discuss appropriate matters.

Adjournment

The Board adopted a resolution to adjourn at 9:25 AM (Corwin, Daly, passing unanimously).

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

Name: _____

Office: _____

Date: _____