



**Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany & Steuben Counties**  
**Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority**

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John Margeson, Chairman

## MINUTES – August 17, 2009

The Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany, and Steuben Southern Tier Railroad Authority met at 9:30 a.m. on August 17, 2009 at the Center for Regional Excellence, Salamanca, New York. The following persons were in attendance:

### Board Members

Jay Gould  
James Cooper  
Joseph Eade  
Terry Everetts  
Michael Brisky  
John Margeson  
Seth Corwin  
James Griffin  
Bill Daly

### Representing

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

### Other Attending

Richard Zink  
Brian Paschen  
Donald Rychnowski  
Thomas Brady  
Carl Belke  
Dennis Tobolski  
Joseph Keller  
Maurice Moore  
Peter Gorton  
Bill Burt

### Representing

Southern Tier West  
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Brady and Swenson  
WNYPRR  
Cattaraugus County  
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NYS DEC  
NYS DEC

### Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Margeson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Introductions were made.

### Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the July 27, 2009 Meeting

Motion was made to approve the July 27, 2009 minutes as presented. (Brisky, Eade, passing unanimously).

### Bills and Communications

There will no Bills or Communications.

## **Report of the Treasurer**

### **a. Treasurer's Report**

Richard Zink, STERA Treasurer noted that due to the timing between the meetings no transactions occurred on the financial statements so no new ones were prepared. STERA had just received reimbursement from NYS on the Bond project which will be forward to WNYPRR for work performed.

The board passed a motion allowing the officers to complete any and all paperwork allowing the treasurer to have access to the bank account electronically with the ability to access statements in .pdf format. (Eade, Everetts, passing unanimously).

## **Unfinished Business**

### **WNYP Report**

A brief report was provided by Carl Belke. A few highlights are as follows:

- The rail line continues to function well.
- There were a few repairs necessary due to storm damage however it was not significant and SEMA funding will not be applied for.
- Repairs have been made to alleviate poor drainage in the towns of Kennedy and Poland though there is still more work to accomplish.
- The engine house project has the go ahead of the WNYPRR board and will be available by winter
- 20<sup>th</sup> century fox is going to use a portion of the line to film a movie
- The Salamanca siding is complete with new ties and switching equipment

## **Status of Application Submitted to Renew and Rebuild NY Bond Program and NYSDOT Passenger & Freight Rail Assistance Program**

No update was provided – this will be removed from the next agenda.

### **Cattaraugus County Remediation Project Status**

After discussion and questions concerning liability and responsibility of local share which were answered by Tom Brady, Dennis Tobolski, Maurice Moore, and Peter Gorton the board passed the following resolution:

A new modification agreement should be written by our attorney stating the following:

The County hereby agrees to pay the local share of the Award and all other awards that have been made or may in the future be made by DEC for or in connection with the Remediation. The Railroad Authority shall not be responsible for making any payments in connection with the Remediation, the Application, the Award or any other awards that have been made or may in the future be made by DEC for or in connection with the Remediation. The County assumes no other costs, impliedly or expressly, of the Railroad Authority or any other third party other than specified herein.”

(Brisky, Eade, passing unanimously).

### **TIGER Application Update**

Urban Engineers continues to work on the application and will have a preliminary draft available by September 1<sup>st</sup> for the board to review with comments due back by the 8<sup>th</sup> so the application can be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup>. The board has

been asked to provide projects that they have worked on in order to answer the application question concerning the ability of the board to manage a project of this size.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Next Meeting Date and Agenda**

The next STERA Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 19th at 9:30 a.m. at the Center for Regional Excellence, Salamanca, New York.

**Adjournment**

The Board Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m. (Eade, Gould, passing unanimously).