



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

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John Margeson, Chairman

MINUTES – June 15, 2009

The Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany, and Steuben Southern Tier Railroad Authority met at 10:00 a.m. on March 16, 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, Chairman
Tim O'Grady
Seth Corwin
James Griffin

Representing

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

Other Attending

Carl Belke
Richard Zink
Brain Paschen
Bill Burt

Representing

WNYPRR
Southern Tier West
Southern Tier West
Public

Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Margeson called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Introductions were made.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 2008 and March 16, 2009 Meeting

Motion was made to approve the December 15, 2008 minutes and the March 16, 2009 minutes as presented. (Eade, Gould, passing unanimously).

Bills and Communications

There was a communication from the City of Salamanca concerning the bridge over Wildwood Ave. Mr. Belke responded to the letter on behalf of Western New York & Pennsylvania Railroad. It was agreed that a letter would be drafted and approved by the chairman and then sent to the City of Salamanca in response.

The board agreed that all incoming correspondence would be reviewed by the chairman and a decision would be made as to whether or not to forward to the entire board before the next scheduled meeting.

A bill was received from BWB concerning the purchase of QuickBooks.

Report of the Treasurer

a. Treasurer's Report

Richard Zink, STERA Treasurer, distributed a Report for March 1 – May 31, 2009.

The STERA Board accepted the Treasurer's Report (Cooper, Eade, passing unanimously).

A motion was made to pay the bill owed BWB (Griffin, Corwin, passing unanimously).

Committee Reports

a. Audit Committee

b. Richard Zink reported that this Committee had not met.

c. Governance Committee

Joe Eade reported that this Committee had not met.

Unfinished Business

WNYP Report

Carl Belke gave a summary of the line's operating status, condition of both lines, and proposed rehabilitation projects and funding opportunities. A copy of the report was distributed to members present.

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

No update was provided.

NYS Public Authorities Accountability ACT Compliance

The Chairman reported that there are two new Board members who need to complete the PAAA training.

NYSDOT – STW Contract: Regional Transportation Plan Project

Mr. Paschen reported that Southern Tier West is moving forward on their report and the draft report will be submitted to NYSDOT within the week. Mr. Paschen also notified the board that he and Mr. Belke will have additional conversations after the meeting today.

Multi-modal Freight Transfer Facility & Manufacturing Center Project Status

Mr. Zink reported that Southern Tier West is still working on the project -- the next step is to meet with City of Olean.

Cattaraugus County Remediation Project Status

The NYSDEC forwarded a contract for STERA to sign that related to state assistance for the Randolph Foundry site. The board requested verification of previous requests for a hold harmless agreement between STERA and Cattaraugus County. Mr. Zink will work with the chairman in order to get the information around and present it to the before possible before the next meeting.

New Business

No new business was brought before the board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting Date and Agenda

The next STERA Board Meeting will be held on Monday, August 17th at 9:30 a.m. at the Center for Regional Excellence, Salamanca, New York.

Adjournment

The Board Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. (Eade, Gould, passing unanimously).