



**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  
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Cattaraugus County  
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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).