

Economic Development Committee Minutes
September 2, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Johnson; Supervisors Lunde, Richardson, Kinowski, Daly, Sausville and Martin; Chad Cooke, Deputy Administrator; Martin Vanags, Prosperity Partnership; Drew Jarosh, Treasurer; Jason Kemper, Planning; Lisa Scaccia, Employment and Training; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Press.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the minutes of the July 8, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Johnson said nine petitions have been received to be included in either Agricultural District one or two. It was recommended by the Ag & Markets Protection Board to approve all amendments. Mr. Johnson said a public hearing was held in August.

Mr. Kemper said there were eight applications in the Town of Edinburg and one in the Town of Wilton. The approved amendments included 400 acres in the town of Edinburg and 44 acres in the Town of Wilton.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Sausville to approve amendments to Agricultural Districts #1 and #2. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said approval of a Snowmobile Grant is an annual request which is pass-through money received from the New York State Parks and Recreation. Mr. Kemper requested approval of the Snowmobile Grant for the 2015-2016 season. He said there are 162 miles of state funded trails in Saratoga County, covering approximately 17 different municipalities. Mr. Kemper said the maximum grant distribution is \$89,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Lunde to accept a snowmobile grant in an amount not to exceed \$89,000. Unanimous.

Mr. Kemper said the forest harvest has been completed in the Town of Corinth, with approximately \$86,000 in revenue received.

Mr. Kemper said since the cutting of forested lands in the Town of Moreau an effort has been under way to incorporate equine use. He said this summer the Backcountry Horsemen Association recently started a group in Saratoga County, and because of that interest the Town of Moreau has contacted the Planning Department to inquire about equine use.

Mr. Kemper said Warren and Washington County BOCES and the Town of Moreau have requested a collaborative agreement where BOCES would supply the machinery and labor and

the Town of Moreau would supply the fuel needed to run the machines, and within the existing trails budget, if there was additional gravel needed, it would be supplied.

A motion was made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Richardson to allow Warren and Washington BOCES to enter county forested lands in Moreau to work on equine trails, contingent upon the approval of proper insurance by the County Attorney. Unanimous.

Mr. Richardson said the design for the Gateway Visitors Center that the Hudson/Hoosick Partnership has been working on is underway. Saratoga Associates is going to be looking to put together the necessary figures for the linear board feet that will be needed for the building, which will be coming out of the county forested lands.

Mrs. Scaccia said under the new Workforce Investment Opportunity Act Employment and Training is in the process of restructuring their Board. To make it more streamlined the membership will be reduced for Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties. The following is a list of the Board Members that Saratoga County will be carrying over:

Corbin Daugherty, Ace Hardware 9/15/15-12/31/17
Leslie Dorsey, Ballston Spa National Bank 9/15/15-12/31/16
John Herrick, Saratoga Bridges 9/15/15-12/31/17
Judy Kelley, Electric Boat HR Generalist 9/15/15-12/31/16
Peg Murphy, ESPEY Manufacturing 9/15/15-12/31/16
Jennifer Pickering, Global Foundries 9/15/15-12/31/18
Shelby Schneider, Schmaltz Brewing Company 9/15/15-12/31/18

Mrs. Scaccia requested a resolution to approve the above appointed members of the Workforce Investment Board and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve the above appointed members to the Workforce Investment Board and to authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement. Unanimous.

Mr. Vanags gave a brief update about the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership. A handout outlining activities of the Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership was distributed to the Committee.

On a motion made by Mr. Sausville, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom