



Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board

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Kathleen A. Rapp, Chair

David V. Bottar, Executive Director

CNY RPDB Meeting
February 20, 2013
12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

126 North Salina Street
Syracuse, New York
(Lower Level Conference Room)

Chairwoman, Kathleen Rapp, Presiding

AGENDA

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| 1. | Call to Order | Kathleen Rapp |
| 2. | Approval of Day's Agenda and Minutes from the December 12, 2012 Meeting | Kathleen Rapp |
| 3. | Executive Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Work Plan and Budget 2013• Executive Committee Meeting March 20, 2013• Board Meeting Schedule 2013• Board Membership and Election of Officers | David Bottar |
| 4. | CNY Regional Sustainability Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Draft Plan | Chris Carrick |
| 5. | Old/New Business | Kathleen Rapp |
| 6. | Adjournment | Kathleen Rapp |



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MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Lawrence Baker, Michael Chapman, Shawn Doyle, Scott Ingmire, Don Jordan, Louella LeClair, Steve Lynch, James Murphy, Morris Sorbello, William Southern, David Turner, and Keith Welch

Guests: Jake Barrett, City of Syracuse Common Councilor; Michael Chapman, Cayuga County Legislature; John Ferguson, Assemblyman Magnarelli's office; Tavia Gilbert, Onondaga County Water Authority; Jamie Hart, Madison County IDA; Kipp Hicks, Madison County IDA; Rob Neimeier, O'Brien & Gere; Mike Riley, Cayuga County Soil & Water; Alex Walsh, Senator DeFrancisco's office

Staff: David Bottar, Kathleen Bertuch, Chris Carrick, Jeanie Gleisner, Samuel Gordon, Bruce Keplinger, David Kubek, Karen Novak, Brian Pincelli, Carolyn Ramsden, Cindy Reilly, Michael Rosanio, Anne Saltman, Kay Wakeman

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Executive Director David Bottar called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm at the offices of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES

A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the agenda and minutes as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Bottar initiated his director's report by referencing a memorandum dated January 4, 2013 that outlined general staff assignments and program responsibilities in 2013. Major program areas highlighted in the memorandum include economic development, environmental management, community development, energy, communication and regional information

services, transportation, intergovernmental coordination, and administrative services. Regarding the agency's work plan, it was noted that staff are actively engaged in a full range of program activities as the year begins. Mr. Bottar noted several projects including work on the regional sustainability plan, the CSX intermodal rail study, and the CNY regional site profile project. Also noted was progress on the Pulaski Kallet theater renovation and staff work on submitting an application in December on behalf of the City of Syracuse for a federal Economic Development Administration grant for \$2 million

The next item discussed on the agenda was a schedule dated 1/4/13 regarding a proposed operating budget for 2013. Mr. Bottar noted this draft budget was reviewed at the Executive Committee meeting held on January 16, 2013. The schedule shows revenue and expenses totaling \$2,234,564 in 2013. Following a discussion, a motion was introduced and seconded to accept the 2013 work plan and budget as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

Several other matters were addressed in the director's report including reference to a schedule showing the agency board meeting schedule for 2013. Regarding board membership, Mr. Bottar introduced two new members in attendance at the meeting including Michael Chapman, Chairman of the Cayuga County Legislature and Don Jordan, Director of the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency. Mr. Bottar noted there are still two vacant positions on the board from Onondaga County that should be filled in the next few weeks. Mr. Bottar also noted that action on the election of officers has been postponed pending the resolution of several issues regarding board appointments.

Mr. Bottar concluded his remarks by noting that the balance of the meeting was going to be devoted to a small group format for board member review of the full draft of the CNY Regional Sustainability Plan. As a prelude to this discussion, Mr. Bottar indicated that Chris Carrick would provide an overview of the status of the agency's work on the plan along with a summary of the basic organizational structure of the plan.

4. PRESENTATION

Mr. Carrick began his remarks by referencing a power point presentation that included information regarding the NYSERDA Cleaner Greener Communities Grant Program. Mr. Carrick indicated that in previous presentations to the board regarding this program, it was noted that this initiative involves the preparation of plans for all ten State designated economic development regions across the State. Mr. Carrick stated that the current schedule calls for these plans to be completed in April 2013 and that once these plans are complete that NYSERDA will roll out the second phase of the program which involves \$90 million in competitive grant funding.

Following these background remarks, Mr. Carrick referenced the CNY Regional Sustainability Plan – draft report which was distributed to all board members for their review. It was noted the draft plan has also been posted to the CNY RPDB's project website at www.visioncny.org. Regarding the draft, Mr. Carrick noted the document is divided into seven chapters which address each of the policy areas that must be covered in the plan including energy management, infrastructure, land use, environment, economic development, materials management, and climate adaptation. Mr. Carrick indicated that each chapter is formatted along the same lines

beginning with the presentation of information and baseline regional data. Mr. Carrick went on to note that following this background narrative, information is presented regarding a goal, targets, strategies, and project recommendations for each policy area. Mr. Carrick proceeded to present slides that summarized each of the chapters.

At the conclusion of Mr. Carrick's remarks, board members and guests engaged in small group discussions regarding the draft plan. Following this review, comments were offered regarding the draft plan. These comments included concerns about recommendations in the draft regarding large-scale industrial wind farms and a related off-shore great lakes wind initiative. Other comments were provided regarding: the importance of the nuclear power generation facilities in Oswego County; concern about the region's aging electric grid network; the unique development issues impacting rural areas in the region; the potential role that the barge canal, Port of Oswego, and waterfront resources can play in the region's future; and the role that green infrastructure initiatives can have on the environmental health and overall water quality in the region. At the conclusion of this discussion period, Mr. Bottar noted staff will use the board member input to complete revisions to the draft plan and that the final document will be presented to the board for review and approval at the April or June meeting.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no information presented or discussed under old or new business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was introduced and seconded to adjourn the meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Rafte, Secretary