



Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board
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Paul W. Pinckney, Chairman David V. Bottar, Executive Director

MINUTES

Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board Board of Directors Meeting June 28, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Timothy Burtis, Pamela D. Caraccioli, Edward Gilson, Kipp Hicks, Daniel Kwasnowski, Steve Lynch, Mary Ann Messinger, Chris Newell, Joseph Pinard, Paul Pinckney, Eric Riley, Robert Shea, and Stephen Zabriskie

Other Guests: Philip Church, Trisha Hiemstra, David Turner, and Austin Wheelock

Staff: Michael Boccuzzi, David Bottar, Chris Carrick, Lauren Darcy, Jeanie Gleisner, Bruce Keplinger, Amanda Mazzoni, Lindsay, Speer, and Patricia A. Wortley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Pinckney called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at the offices of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board in Syracuse, New York. Mr. Pinckney noted that several members were participating in the meeting remotely via a zoom conference platform.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES

A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the agenda as presented and the minutes from the April 28th meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLAN ONONDAGA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Board member Daniel Kwasnowski, Director of the Onondaga County Department of Planning, was introduced and provided a power point presentation regarding the County's recently completed Plan Onondaga County Comprehensive Plan. In outlining his remarks, Mr. Kwasnowski noted this was the first comprehensive plan adopted by the Onondaga County Legislature in over 25 years. Mr. Kwasnowski noted the timing for preparing this plan was critical considering changes taking place in the community in recent years including population growth, economic renaissance, the success of various downtown and community revitalization efforts, concern about environmental and sustainability issues, and the recent announcement by Micron Technologies to locate a major semiconductor manufacturing operation in Central New York.

Mr. Kwasnowski noted that the comprehensive plan is divided into six major sections including an introduction and countywide profile, a framework for competitiveness, community engagement, plan principles and themes, and implementation. Mr. Kwasnowski also noted the plan features five major thematic or focus areas for community engagement and action including strong centers, housing and neighborhoods, community mobility, greenways and blueway trails, and agriculture. Mr. Kwasnowski concluded his remarks by discussing the County's role as host and sponsoring entity for the comprehensive plan and noting the County will serve as community wide advocate and leader for the plan, establish policy, taxing, and spending by the County consistent with the plan, and use the plan in the County's efforts to market the community to business prospects and residents, invest in programs, initiatives, and capital projects that support the plans goals and recommendations, build capacity at the local level and with other institutions and organizations to help implement the plan. Staff noted the plan can be accessed online at <https://plan.ongov.net/the-plan/>.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bottar provided brief remarks regarding the range of programs and projects that staff are currently working on across the five-county region. As part of these remarks, Mr. Bottar noted he has been involved in several project briefings and meetings locally regarding the Micron project, including those held by the Onondaga County Micron Development Committee, Oswego County Micron Strategy Steering Committee, and the Cayuga County Micron Steering Committee.

Mr. Bottar continued his remarks by noting that staff is currently assisting the Oswego County IDA with an application to EDA for a \$4 million grant to support infrastructure improvements at the Oswego County Industrial Park in the Town of Schroepel. Also noted were staff efforts to assist Madison County and the Village of Cazenovia with efforts to secure a strategic planning grant from EDA to support development of plans to help the community respond to the recent announcement to close Cazenovia College.

Mr. Bottar noted that the agency received confirmation that a grant application prepared by the agency for the Town of Lafayette was recently awarded a NYS Restore grant of \$1.6 million to support efforts by a local developer to complete the redevelopment of the former Lafayette hotel into a mixed-use commercial complex. Also noted was work being advanced by the agency and B&L Engineers, in partnership with CenterState CEO and National Grid, to complete an update to a major regional site development profile database for CNY. Mr. Bottar noted this database will be used by local economic development organizations as they seek to respond to commercial and industrial development interest in the region, particular from supply change companies looking to locate in the region in partnership with Micron.

Mr. Bottar continued his remarks by noting the agency is currently preparing 8 separate NYS CFA funding applications to the State on behalf of local communities across Central New York. It was noted these applications including funding request for sidewalk improvements in Skaneateles, Fayetteville, and Oneida, a new town highway garage for the Town of Georgetown, additional funding for the Oneida Lake Watershed Management Plan, the Otisco Lake watershed plan, Town and Village of Mexico comprehensive plan, and funding for a community erosion control project in the Town of Skaneateles. It was noted that funding decisions on these applications is expected by December 2023.

Mr. Bottar concluded his remarks by introducing new staff member Lindsay Speer, who will be working in the agency's energy program as administrator for the new NYSERDA Regional Energy Hub program.

5. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Bottar noted the next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 19th and the next full board meeting will be held on August 30, 2023.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pinckney noted there was no old or new business presented to the board for discussion.

9. 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,

Mary A. Messinger, Secretary