RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
October 7, 2026

Call to Order: Resource Management Committee Chairman William Meunier called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Roll Call: W. Meunier, J. Ricketts-Swales, P. Curran, K. Demick, G. Hanchett, K. LaForge, J. Ricci (arrived at 11:34 am)

Other Attendees: S. Ballard, G. Barnes, C. Bessette, A. Carrow, J. Burdick, S. Decker, B. Harris, S. Havey, L. Hunsberger, J. Kelley, C. Knapp, P. Stockin, S. Torrey

Approval of Agenda

The Resource Management Committee meeting agenda of October 7, 2026, was approved on a motion by Legislator Hanchett, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried.

Approval of Minutes:

The Resource Management Committee meeting minutes of September 2, 2026, were approved on a motion by Legislator Hanchett, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried.

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Soil and Water Conservation Executive Director Scott Torrey attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Torrey reported that progress is being made on projects in Belfast, Independence, Willing, Granger, Rushford and Scio. They are still waiting on approval of permits for Harrigan Gully but should have those in one to two weeks and are waiting on FEMA to have funding approved for Independence and Willing. Currently removing some gravel from Garwoods will hopefully prevent future flooding on the neighbors lawns. They have submitted a new proposal to the DEC for the Cuba Lake dredging and are waiting for the drawdown on Rushford Lake to finish to investigate dredging of the Ryan Inlet section of the lake. Legislator Stockin asked if they were going to be allowed to remove the gravel from Rushford Lake as he thought they were denied before when they requested it for the area by the public beach. Mr. Torrey stated this was the Ryan Inlet area coming from Rushford and they are currently doing this in another inlet so they will try. Fencing projects in Granger and Scio have been finished. The pack barn in Scio is partially completed.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger attended the meeting and submitted her monthly report to the committee for review. She stated that they have a lot going on today with the Master Gardeners meeting and 4H Open House. She has given each of the Legislators an invitation to their annual meeting on October 27 which will be held at the Solutions Hub in Wellsville. The theme is a Taste of Farms so they will have several producers there with something edible made from their harvest. Four schools are participating in their Farm to School classroom. Next weekend is also the Artisan Tour.

COUNTY HISTORIAN

County Historian Budget Transfer Request

County Administrator Carissa Knapp requested a resolution approving the following Budget Transfer:

From Account No.	To Account No.	Amount
A7510.201-Office Equipment	A7510.429-Gen. Gov Contracts	$1,000

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Demick, seconded by Legislator Hanchett, and carried. ***Prepare Resolution***

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

County Administrator Carissa Knapp requested a resolution authorizing the renewal of a services agreement with the Allegany County Federation of Snowmobilers, Inc. that expired March 21, 2026. The term of the new agreement will be three years commencing April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2029.

The request was approved on a motion by Legislator Hanchett, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried. ***Prepare Resolution***

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m. following a motion by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, seconded by Legislator Hanchett, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Ballard, Account Clerk Typist
Allegany County Board of Legislators