

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**May 18, 2022**

**Committee Members Present:** P. Curran, A. Cyr, G. Barnes (Arr. 1:06 p.m.), D. Fanton, G. Hanchett, J. Ricketts-Swales, P. Stockin

**Others Present:** T. Boyde, C. Braack, B. Budinger, J. Burdick, A. Carrow, C. Clark, J. D'Arcy, S. Decker, K. Demick, K. Dirlam, B. Harris, S. Havey, D. Healy, T. Linn, B. Perkins, B. Reynolds, J. Ricci, D. Root, D. Scholes, S. Torrey

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Resource Management Committee Chairman Philip Curran.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Committee Chairman Philip Curran.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried to approve the April 20, 2022, Resource Management Committee minutes.

**COUNTY HISTORIAN**

County Historian Craig Braack attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Braack stated that in Central New York State there are many cities, towns, villages, and hamlets named after famous people, locations, events, and mythological characters from ancient Greek and Roman history. Mr. Braack explained that this naming trend extended into our area, with one being Ulysses in Potter County, one being Aristotle in Allegany County, and one being Ceres in Allegany County.

**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 stated that they are starting another manure storage project in Friendship, and a new employee with forestry background started this week. Committee Chairman Curran asked if they had any luck finding money to fund the creek rehab down in Almond. Mr. Torrey stated that they are looking, but it may take another year before they come up with some funding.

**Resolution Designating Allegany County Lead Agency for Agricultural District Number Two SEQR Review**

County Attorney Allison Carrow requested a resolution to designate Allegany County as the lead agency responsible for the Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) of the eight-year review of Agricultural District Number Two and its proposed modification and continuation, pursuant to New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Sections 303-a and 303-b, and Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law. Whenever modifications are requested to be made to an agricultural district, New York State Environmental Conservation Law requires that an environmental assessment (SEQR) be conducted. A state or local agency must be designated as "lead agency" and be responsible to perform the SEQR review. Ms. Carrow added that they have sent out requests to the municipalities contained in Agricultural District Number Two and asked for their signed consent for Allegany County to be the lead agency. Ms. Carrow stated that they have received some of those signed requests, and will follow up with those municipalities they have not heard from as the June 8 Board meeting gets closer. Committee Chair Curran asked if a single town or village could stall the process. Ms. Carrow replied with "yes," and explained that they could state that they do not want Allegany County as the lead agency and then there would be a process to make a determination. Ms. Carrow stated that there are several factors

that would need to be considered which could stall it. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Cyr, seconded by Legislator Hanchett, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Resolution that Allegany County Approves Agricultural District Number Two SEQR Finding**

County Attorney Allison Carrow requested a resolution for Allegany County, as lead agency, to accept the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) to be completed at a future Board meeting, pertaining to the eight-year review of Agricultural District Number Two and its proposed modifications and continuation, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617. Allegany County conducted an environmental review by examining a SEQR Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF). A determination was made that the action constituted an "Unlisted Action" for the purposes of SEQR, and that the proposed modifications and continuation do not create any significant environmental impact because the action entails no physical change or any anticipated change to the land or the environment. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Fanton, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Resolution to Continue Agricultural District Number Two with Modifications**

County Attorney Allison Carrow requested a resolution to continue Agricultural District Number Two with modifications, pursuant to New York State Agriculture and Markets Sections 303-a and 303-b. Agricultural districts are reviewed every eight years to consider the modification and continuation of the district. The review process will be completed on June 8, 2022, and a resolution is requested to modify the existing Agricultural District Number Two to include an additional 2,727 acres of predominantly viable agricultural land at the request of landowners. The anniversary date for Agricultural District Number Two is June 10, 2022, and the entire statutory process must be completed prior to that date. Ms. Carrow pointed out that the required public hearing had already been completed on March 23, 2022. Legislator Hanchett also pointed out that changes are done by request of the landowners and not by any outside agencies. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Cyr, seconded by Legislator Barnes, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

### **Supporting 60 Hour Farm Workers Week**

A resolution was requested in support of maintaining a 60-hour work week for farm workers and recommending stopping the implementation of a reduction in the farm labor overtime threshold. Legislator Ricketts-Swales stated that she feels this is a good way to proceed for Allegany County. Committee Chairman Curran agreed. Legislator Harris thanked the committee for this resolution as this came as an Inter-County request from Genesee County, and it was part of the last NYSAC conference's priorities. Legislator Harris stated that Legislator Ricketts-Swales comments are true and accurate, and pointed out that many farm workers were in opposition because it caused farmers to cut hours. Legislator Cyr thanked Legislator Harris for his hard work with this resolution. The request was approved on a motion made by Legislator Barnes, seconded by Legislator Ricketts-Swales, and carried. **Prepare Resolution**

## **YOUTH BUREAU**

Youth Bureau Director Brian Perkins attended the meeting and submitted his monthly report to the committee for review. Mr. Perkins briefly highlighted items from his report.

### **OCFS Calendar**

Mr. Perkins stated that the proposed changes to the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) calendar was met with opposition, but they decided to move forward and agreed that the changes will go into effect with fiscal year 2023/2024. Committee Chairman Curran asked what changes OCFS was proposing. Mr. Perkins explained that changes were made to hopefully line up better with their

budget programs, so that allocations will get to them sooner, and everyone will know what to expect for the summer.

### **Bike Safety Program**

Mr. Perkins stated that there are several schools they have not heard back from at this time, but 11 schools have scheduled the Bike Safety Program from the beginning of next week through June.

### **STOP-DWI**

Mr. Perkins stated that they had a couple of successful STOP-DWI crash drills last week in Friendship Central School, Andover Central School, and Whitesville Central School. Mr. Perkins stated that he also made an appearance at Genesee Valley Central School with a Victim Impact Panel with the help of Emergency Management and Fire Director Jeff Luckey and Community Educator Ann Weaver from Allegany Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Inc. (ACASA).

### **Good Sports**

Mr. Perkins stated that he received a phone call from an organization called Good Sports <https://www.goodsports.org/about/> out of Massachusetts. Mr. Perkins explained that as part of the recent Ralph Wilson Foundation grants, Good Sports has a stock of youth athletic equipment as well as the ability to request, order, and ship out to any of our local youth sports programs or after school programs that are in need of youth athletic equipment. Mr. Perkins stated that this is a good opportunity and any local organizations in need should contact him.

### **CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director Laura Hunsberger was unable to attend the meeting but had previously submitted her monthly report to the committee for review.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m. following a motion by Legislator Cyr, seconded by Legislator Barnes, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Linn, Confidential Secretary  
Allegany County Board of Legislators