



Chenango County Planning & Development Board



Summary of Unofficial Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2023

Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Office Building

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
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Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Old Business

Quorum was not met. Minutes will be approved at February Meeting.

2. New Business

Transportation

Mr. Gladstone stated that they are continuing to map the updated routes for First Transit. Mr. Gladstone shared statistics that they received from GetThere. Chenango County was second in the region for rides provided. Mr. Davis asked if these numbers are surprising. Mr. Gladstone stated that they aren't, they are consistent with previous years statistics. Mr. Gladstone also shared that they received updated brochures from GetThere with updated information. The bags for the Area Agency on Aging have arrived and Aging has begun finding supplies to put in the bags.

Agriculture

Mr. Gladstone stated that there was not an Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board meeting last month.



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Airport

Mr. Butler shared the fuel sales statistics from the Annual Report. 2022 was the highest on record for fuel sales, in terms of gallons and dollars since the airport was taken over by the County in 2010. Mr. Guinn asked if they had any data that shows profits. Mr. Butler stated that they will have to wait until February or March to see these profits. Mr. Butler also stated that the FY2023 NYSDOT Aviation Capital Project Grant is due tomorrow. They will be applying for a four T-Hangar addition and Snow Removal Equipment. They will only be awarded one of these grants. Mr. Davis asked if there is still turnover happening from Sidney. Mr. Butler replied yes.

CSC/CEC/EMC

Ms. Yacano shared that the Heat Smart event at Hidden Springs Brewhouse went very well. Roughly 40 people participated in the event. Ms. Yacano stated that they are currently waiting for a contract to be completed by the electrician before starting construction on the NYSERDA Airport Lighting Grant. Ms. Yacano stated that they have applied for funding from Casella Waste. This funding will go towards purchasing 15 vermicomposting bins that can be donated to classrooms in Chenango County.

Broadband

Mr. Butler stated that they received word from Interconnect Wireless Corp that they are beginning to place the first antennae for the Broadband Grant. Once these are placed, we will be scheduling a Press Conference that highlights the two ongoing projects in New Berlin. Mr. Butler stated that they are compiling data regarding broadband speeds. This data will be compiled to challenge the data to the FCC, and then to NYSPSC. Mr. Butler and Ms. Yacano have been working for the last week to finalize the data before the due date on January 12th. So far, roughly 540 challenges have been found.

Housing

Mr. Butler stated that OFC is finishing up the last project in the CCHOPIX Grant Program. Mr. Butler stated that they submitted the required documents ERR and Contract Documents for the Housing Rehabilitation II Project. Mr. Butler stated that the Red Mill project has begun construction and they expect Phase I of the project to be completed in the Spring.

2050 Vision Plan

Mr. Butler stated that they were awarded all the funding for the 2050 Vision Plan. Once the contract is completed, they will send out an RFP for consultants.



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Mr. Davis asked what the timeline is for the project. Mr. Butler answered that the project will be completed in December 2024.

3. Privilege of the Floor (allotted time up to Chairperson discretion)

Ms. Yacano

Ms. Yacano shared the data from the Planning Board section of the Annual Report. This data is consistent with previous years.

Mr. Butler

Mr. Butler stated that Airport Day is coming back on Saturday, June 10th. This year will include the Rise Above Exhibit from the Commemorative Air Force. This includes a 50' long trailer that encases two theatres that highlight the story of the Tuskegee Airmen. Also returning this year, is the National Warplane Museum with their C-47 aircraft, Whiskey-7. Mr. Butler urges everyone to visit Airport Day.

Ms. Scalzo

Ms. Scalzo asked if there was any interest in starting a drone school at the airport. Mr. Butler stated that they would love to, they will just need someone to teach the program.

4. Meeting Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: The Chenango County Planning & Development Board and 239 Review Committee will meet on February 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Allison Yacano, Planner.



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Mr. Butler called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1. Old Business

Mr. Guinn asked if there were any comments or corrections for the November 15, 2022, and January 9, 2023, Planning Board Minutes, in addition to the November 15, 2022, December 13, 2022, and January 9, 2023 Chenango County 239 Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Thomsen moved, seconded by Mr. Meseck to approve the November 15, 2022, and January 9, 2023, Planning Board Minutes, in addition to the November 15, 2022, December 13, 2022, and January 9, 2023, Chenango County 239 Review Committee Meeting Minutes. Minutes of the Chenango County 239 Review Committee. Ms. Scalzo, who was not a member of the Board at that time, abstained from voting. All remaining members voted ayes, carried.

2. New Business

Mr. Butler stated this is a reorganizational meeting and a temporary chairman must be appointed. Mr. Guinn moved, seconded by Mr. Kucinski to appoint Mr. Butler as Temporary Chairperson of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board. All members voted ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Butler asked for nominations for Chairperson of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board.



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Mr. Guinn moved, seconded by Mr. Thomsen to appoint Mr. Davis as Chairperson of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board. All members voted ayes, carried.

Mr. Butler asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board.

Mr. Thomsen moved, seconded by Mr. Flanagan to appoint Mr. Guinn as Vice-Chairperson of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board. All members voted ayes, carried.

Mr. Butler asked for nominations for Secretary of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board.

Mr. Thomsen moved, seconded by Mr. Meseck to appoint Mr. Flanagan as Secretary of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board. All members voted ayes, carried.

Mr. Butler asked for nominations for Chairperson of the Chenango County 239 Review Committee.

Mr. Thomsen moved, seconded by Mr. Flanagan to appoint Mr. Guinn as Chairperson of the Chenango County 239 Review Committee. All members voted ayes, carried.

Mr. Butler asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Chenango County 239 Review Committee.

Mr. Guinn moved, seconded by Mr. Flanagan to appoint Mr. Kucinski as Vice-Chairperson of the Chenango County 239 Review Committee. All members voted ayes, and carried.

Transportation

Mr. Gladstone stated that they are exploring the possibility of sponsoring a car seat safety check, hosted by the Chenango County Sheriff's, at Airport Day. This will be sponsored by GetThere program funding.

Agriculture

Mr. Gladstone stated that they are beginning to plan for the Ag Tour. They have reached out to Marshman Farms, RTG Ranch, and Hidden Springs Brewhouse. Right now, Mr. Gladstone stated that the event is preliminarily scheduled for July 21, 2023, but may change based on availability.



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Airport

Mr. Butler stated that it was a slow month for fuel at the airport. In January, the airport sold 5,000 gallons of fuel and saw 5 business flights. This is expected for winter months. Mr. Butler stated that there are currently 6 open grants at the airport. Mr. Butler shared that Airport Day will be on June 10th this year. They shared all the exhibits that will be attending this year's event.

CSC/CEC/EMC

Ms. Yacano stated they have been in contact with EIC PACE, an organization who helps municipalities adopt Open C-PACE financing options for commercial and not-for-profit property owners looking to install clean energy upgrades to their properties. The program offers liens for these upgrades that are ultimately paid off on their property taxes. The Planning Department has met with Bill Craine, and the County Attorney has read over the documents and does not foresee any problems with the program. They will be bringing this to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on Thursday. Ms. Yacano also shared that they are moving along with scheduling visits to schools with the vermicomposting initiative. Ms. Scalzo asked what the end goal is with presenting to schools. Ms. Yacano replied that the hope is to get students interested and engaged in the benefits of vermicomposting. The Planning Department will then seek funding to purchase vermicomposting bins for the school to utilize.

Broadband

Mr. Butler stated that their challenges to the broadband map have been submitted. Some of the challenges have been accepted, while others have been denied based on the data provided. They have also seen a batch of submissions that have been asked to be rescinded by the provider. Mr. Butler stated that the broadband grant is moving along and has an anticipated end date during June 2023.

Housing

Mr. Butler stated that the Red Mill project expects to finish the first six units by March 1st. They are planning for a media day on March 9th, in collaboration with the broadband grant progress. Mr. Butler stated that NYS HCR will be coming to the office in March to do the closeout for Homeownership IX and Housing Rehabilitation. While they are here, they will also do an on site monitoring visit



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for both Red Mill and broadband. Mr. Butler also shared that they have received the release of funds for Housing Rehabilitation II and are able to spend funding.

2050 Vision Plan

Mr. Butler stated that the RFP's for the Vision Plan have been sent out to consultants and engineers. They sent ten requests out and have put in a good faith effort to include M/WBE businesses.

3. Privilege of the Floor (allotted time up to Chairperson discretion)

Mr. Flanagan

Mr. Flanagan stated the newest Museum District phase is nearing completion. Once finished, they will begin to look for local funding resources to work from Silver Street to the river.

Mr. Scrivener

Mr. Scrivener stated that Congressman Marc Molinaro will be holding a Town Hall meeting today at 11:00 a.m. on the second floor of the City of Norwich Fire Department. The DRI is moving forward as expected and the project sponsors are working with the state to finalize their plans. The city will be working on replacing the water main in the City from April to July this year. After this project is finished, NYSDOT will begin re-paving. The City has completed their lighting project of upgrading to LED fixtures in all City buildings. Mr. Scrivener shared that Greenspot has begun installing Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) stations in the city. These locations include; the fire station, the Hayes Street parking lot, Red Roof Inn, and the Commerce parking lot.

Mr. Seneck

Mr. Seneck stated that there has been a large discussion on code enforcement in smaller municipalities in the county. There is a worry regarding homes that have been foreclosed and the deterioration of those homes/properties due to laws.

4. Meeting Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The Chenango County Planning & Development Board and 239 Review Committee will meet on March 14th at 9:00 a.m.

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2. New Business



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Transportation

Mr. Gladstone stated that there is a new manager at Chenango First Transit. They are currently trying to set up an introductory meeting.

Agriculture

Mr. Gladstone stated that the Ag. Tour is set for July 21st this year. They have confirmed with Tiger Lily Farms (Marshmans) and Hidden Springs Brewhouse for the event. They are currently trying to work with Half Barn Farm to also host the event.

Airport

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CSC/CEC/EMC

Ms. Yacano stated that they finally received word that the contract regarding the LED Lighting Project at the Airport has been approved. This means that they can begin incurring expenses immediately. Ms. Yacano also stated that the EMC is gearing up for their River Cleanup on Earth Day (April 22nd). This years event will include the same locations as last year, as well as a satellite location at the parks in Oxford. An Earth Fest celebration will also be going on at Friends of Rogers on that day. Mr. Davis stated that Paul Knowles has sponsored a highway cleanup in Guilford. Mr. Davis stated that this was well attended, and he and Mr. Seneck participated in the event.

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and Matt Beckwith regarding an EMS tower that is in Otsego County. They have also run into a problem as one of the towers they were going to use is actually going to be demolished. Mr. Butler stated that they will be attending a meeting with Jen Gregory from Southern Tier 8 to apply for grant funding that will hopefully support a Broadband Plan for Chenango and Otsego Counties. This will aid future grant funding opportunities. Mr. Butler stated that they had one provider who had asked Chenango County to rescind some of the challenges they submitted. Mr. Butler stated that Southern Tier 8 did rescind some of the challenges, but not all of them. Mr. Seneck shared that they will be attending the Connect All meeting on April 24th.

Housing

Mr. Butler stated that OCR came on site and completed the closeout monitoring of Homeownership IX and Housing Rehabilitation. There were only two minor issues with the documents and can be easily fixed. While OCR was here, there was a site visit to the Red Mill Complex. The project is moving right along and Mr. Butler attends construction meetings regularly. Mr. Butler shared that there is a plan for grant funding regarding ADA compliance in Municipal Buildings. The funding will be up to \$1 Million, and he suggested that it could be used for the future building project, or for an elevator at Preston Manor.

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Mr. Seneck

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4. Meeting Adjournment

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NEXT MEETING: The Chenango County Planning & Development Board and 239 Review Committee will meet on May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. Old Business

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments or corrections for the April 11, 2023, Planning board minutes.

Mr. Guinn moved, seconded by Mr. Scrivener to approve the April 11, 2023, minutes of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board. All members voted ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments of corrections for the April 11, 2023, 239 Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Scrivener moved, seconded by Mr. Kucinski to approve the April 11, 2023, Minutes of the Chenango County 239 Review Committee. All members voted ayes; motion carried.

2. Bergmann Presentation

Ms. Gaudioso introduced herself as one of the Project Managers from Bergmann who will be working on the 2050 Vision Plan for Chenango County. Ms. Gaudioso shared their expectations for the project, including the project overview, schedule, and scope of the project. Ms. Gaudioso then turned it over to the Committee for introductions. All members of the Committee introduced themselves and shared their experiences, as well as expectations for the Plan. Mr. Davis asked what Bergmann expected as far as community engagement with the project and what



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this will entail. Ms. Gaudioso replied that they have not set a strict goal as far as percentage but will gauge the percentage of community engagement once the process fully begins. Ms. Gaudioso shared that they plan to host a variety of surveys, public meetings, and workshops to ensure that Chenango County residents can share their thoughts regarding the project. Ms. Gaudioso also shared that stakeholders will be heavily involved in these conversations as well. Mr. Flanagan asked who the stakeholders are. Ms. Gaudioso shared that the Steering Committee will decide who they are. This will include but not be limited to municipalities, community organizations, and businesses. Ms. Gaudioso continued to lead a SWOT Analysis of what the Committee believes are the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for and to Chenango County. The details from the exercise are below.

STRENGTHS

- Environment; greenspace
- Cost of living is good
- Larger employers from across the country; big businesses for small community; lots of jobs available
- Large amount of services available; medical, physical, etc.
- Healthcare is good for size of community; Good hospital
- Location; 50 miles from major metropolitan areas
- Safe communities; low crime
- Good variety of summer events that are large scale

OPPORTUNITIES

- Outdoor recreational activities; residents and visitors
- DRI funding and other efforts of municipalities
- Grants and public funding opps
- Fair amount of investors willing to develop
- Actively planning for improvements and facilities; E.g. DPW
- Low regulatory environment (many communities don't have zoning)
- Alternative energy; solar, wind, etc.
- Work with schools
- Ability for the municipalities to work more closely together
- Long term planning for resiliency; wouldn't be as costly as other areas; opportunity to attract people to create jobs in sustainable industry

WEAKNESSES

- Wages of some jobs aren't comparable to metropolitan areas
- Hard time filling jobs; work force lack of skills
- Distance from major metro areas can be a barrier for business
- Lack of broadband
- Only have one hospital; access to specialists
- Aging infrastructure
- Environment; flooding, weather events impacting developed areas
- Lack of quality, affordable housing
- Lack of lodging
- Pride of residents can cause them not to ask for help
- Stuck in the past; not wanting to see change
- Poor cellular service
- Many communities don't have zoning
- Lack of services and accommodations for unhoused, those facing addiction issues, etc.
- Lack of daycare; impacts ability for teachers to move here
- Limited higher education options
- Many things in 2020 vision plan are still being dealt with; haven't made enough progress

THREATS

- Taxes may be discouraging investment (in NYS in general)
- Growing unhoused population
- Workforce is aging
- Significant weather events that have been costly economically
- Difficult to attract volunteers for community service (Fire, EMS, scouts, etc.) - How would you pay for these services without?
- Losing grocery stores and retail opps; have to drive out of County
- Property conditions; how to address blighted properties and clean them up
- Substance abuse issues; lack of rehab services
- Resistance to change; resistance to spend money that may be necessary to make county attractive
- Decline of ag industry
- Resistance to working together
- Grid is almost at near capacity; have been turned down for landfills in the past

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Mr. Flanagan asked if there were any other plans that Bergmann would be using to help shape the 2050 Vision Plan. Ms. Gaudioso shared that they are hoping to use components from the Schuyler County Comprehensive Plan that they have worked on previously. This Plan had many strengths, and its relevance has helped Schuyler County tremendously. Ms. Gaudioso rounded off the presentation by sharing the next steps for the Plan. Bergmann will begin working on public engagement (including a website) and begin the review the 2020 Vision Plan. Ms. Gaudioso asked the Committee to review all planning documents for the project, review the public engagement plan, and start to develop a list of stakeholders and outreach efforts.

3. New Business

Transportation



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Mr. Butler stated that there is no update for transportation this month.

Agriculture

Mr. Butler shared updates regarding the 2023 Ag Tour. This year's Ag Tour will include stops at Tiger Lily Holsteins, Purple Haze Standardbred Adoption Program, Hidden Springs Brewhouse, and NextGen Hemp Growers. Mr. Davis asked when the tour is. Mr. Butler responded that it will be held from 8:30 – 3:00 on Friday, July 21st.

Airport

Mr. Butler shared that they are working on a pre-application for grant funding for a site development plan at the airport. This plan will be produced by C&S Engineers and hopefully produce a shovel-ready plan for a structure at the airport.

CSC/CEC/EMC

Ms. Yacano shared that the River Cleanup went well and 4,080 pounds of garbage were pulled from the river and the trails. Out of those 4,080 pounds of garbage, only 3 syringes were found. Ms. Yacano stated that they have officially reached their goal for the Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign. They have now submitted the documentation to NYSERDA and will hopefully receive a \$15,000 action grant for clean energy upgrades. Ms. Yacano added that they will potentially be starting a new campaign for EV purchases. This campaign will encourage Chenango County residents to purchase EV or Hybrid Vehicles. Ms. Yacano stated that they will be visiting Perry Browne School in Norwich to teach about Vermicomposting in the first week of June.

Broadband

Mr. Butler shared that the Broadband extension has been approved and now has a contract end date in October. This extension was requested due to supply chain issues.

Housing

Mr. Butler shared that the extension request for Red Mill has been approved. This extension was requested because of supply chain issues. Mr. Butler also added that the Housing Rehabilitation II project is up and running. Interested applicants for the program can contact Opportunities for Broome and Chenango for more information.



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4. Privilege of the Floor (allotted time up to Chairperson discretion)

Mr. Flanagan

Mr. Flanagan stated that they are working with Sal Testani and Jenna Ostrander on forming a group to manage the Small Project Fund for the Norwich DRI Project.

Mr. Scrivener

Mr. Scrivener stated that they hosted a cleanup last week in the City of Norwich BID District. They are also working with Rebecca Hargrave on a tree inventory project for the city. This will lead to the planting of over 700 trees in the next 10 years.

Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis stated that they hosted a survey when they were working on the Guilford Comprehensive Plan and they only received a 24% response rate from the community. Mr. Davis expects that these low numbers will also be seen with the 2050 Vision Plan project.

Mr. Seneck

Mr. Seneck stated that the High Bridge Wind Project is being sold to another company. This is in the early stages but they believe they will begin the project in early 2024. Mr. Seneck also stated that they are working with Bergmann on the Guilford Lake Dam Project.

5. Meeting Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: The Chenango County Planning & Development Board and 239 Review Committee will meet on June 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Allison Yacano, Planner.



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Summary of Meeting Minutes

Date: June 13, 2023

Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Office Building

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Bob Davis Paul Thomsen Ted Guinn Paul Romahn Dan Ryan	Karol Kucinski Erik Scrivener Zack Meseck, Sup. Diane Scalzo, Sup. Sal Testani	Shane Butler, Director Allison Yacano, Planner Matt Gladstone, Planner	George Seneck Aden Moyer	Michael Flanagan Victoria Mitchell

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

1. Old Business

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments or corrections for the May 9, 2023, Planning Board Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Scrivener moved, seconded by Mr. Kucinski to approve the May 9, 2023, minutes of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board. All members voted ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments of corrections for the May 9, 2023, 239 Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Guinn moved, seconded by Mr. Kucinski to approve the May 9, 2023, Minutes of the Chenango County 239 Review Committee. All members voted ayes; motion carried.

2. New Business

Transportation

Mr. Gladstone stated that GetThere sponsored a Child Safety Seat Check at Airport Day this year. The numbers are not final, but Mr. Gladstone believes that their funding helped buy ten car seats to hand out. Mr. Gladstone also stated that they will be working on updating the Coordinated Transportation Plan before the end of the year. Mr. Gladstone also stated that they will be working with First Transit to work on updating the route maps.



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Agriculture

Mr. Gladstone stated that the Ag Tour is scheduled for July 21. Anyone who is interested should contact him and reserve their spot on the bus.

Airport

Mr. Butler shared a report from Airport Day 2023. The event went to plan other than Whiskey-7 having to cancel. Ms. Scalzo asked if there will be skydiving presentations at future Airport Days. Mr. Butler stated that they attended last year, and they hope to see them return next year. Ms. Scalzo asked if there are plans to have more participation from the Civil Air Patrol in the future. Mr. Butler stated that they tend to have the younger cadets attend Airport Day for training and experience. As of right now, they do not have plans to include them more in the future.

CSC/CEC/EMC

Ms. Yacano stated that she and Mr. Gladstone visited Perry Browne School in Norwich last week. They hope to possibly supply bins to them in the future, as well as mapping education. Ms. Yacano stated that they are all set to go on their new Clean Energy Community Electric Vehicle Community Campaign. So far, Norwich Dodge has preliminarily committed to participating in the program. Ms. Yacano hopes to enlist other dealerships as well.

Broadband

Mr. Butler stated that the Broadband Expansion project is on track to finish in October of this year. Mr. Butler shared that Southern Tier 8 will be holding another Industry Summit this fall. They encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Butler also stated that they met with Frontier regarding the challenges that were submitted. Mr. Butler also stated that Southern Tier 8 will be submitting a grant application to create a Broadband Study that encompasses Chenango and Otsego counties.

Housing

Mr. Butler stated that the Red Mill Project has nearly completed Phase 2 and is on track to be completed in October.

2050 Vision Plan

Mr. Butler stated that Bergmann will be hosting the first public meeting for the 2050 Vision Plan at 6:00 p.m. on July 11th. He encouraged all members to attend and spread the word about the meeting.



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3. Privilege of the Floor (allotted time up to Chairperson discretion)

Mr. Scrivener

Mr. Scrivener stated that the City of Norwich Watermain Replacement project will begin this week during the night. They were supposed to start last night but were postponed due to rain. Moving to the future, they hope to develop a 5-year plan for the water and sewer operations. Mr. Scrivener also stated that they are working on a tree inventory for the city. Mr. Scrivener stated that they met with ARC yesterday regarding their application for the Bike Skills Park. They will also be applying for an Empire State Development grant for matching funding.

4. Meeting Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: The Chenango County Planning & Development Board and 239 Review Committee will meet on July 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Allison Yacano, Planner.



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Summary of Meeting Minutes

Date: July 11, 2023

Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Office Building

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Bob Davis Paul Thomsen Ted Guinn Paul Romahn	Karol Kucinski Michael Flanagan Zack Meseck, Sup. Diane Scalzo, Sup.	Shane Butler, Director Allison Yacano, Planner Matt Gladstone, Planner		Dan Ryan Sal Testani Erik Scrivener Victoria Mitchell

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Old Business

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments or corrections for the June 13, 2023, Planning Board Minutes.

Mr. Kucinski moved, seconded by Mr. Romahn to approve the June 13, 2023, Minutes of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board. All members voted ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments of corrections for the June 13, 2023, 239 Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Guinn moved, seconded by Mr. Kucinski to approve the June 13, 2023, Minutes of the Chenango County 239 Review Committee. All members voted ayes; motion carried.

2. New Business

Transportation

Mr. Gladstone stated that the Transportation Survey is going well. Roughly 220 residents have responded so far, his goal is 300. Last week they had a meeting with GetThere and other stakeholders to discuss the development of the plan. Over the last few weeks, Mr. Gladstone has been working on developing maps of the bus routes. Chenango County was audited on their transportation services and one of the problems that was found was that there are no clear maps of these



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routes. Mr. Gladstone is meeting with First Transit tomorrow to discuss these maps and make sure they are good to send out to the public.

Agriculture

Mr. Gladstone stated that the Ag Tour is next Friday. If there are any interested members who would like to attend, please let him know and he can sign you up.

Airport

Mr. Butler stated that the airport has been slow as far as fuel for the month. Mr. Butler shared the ACIP for the airport that lists the projects for the coming years. Mr. Butler shared that they have recently given tours of the airport to members from Achieve, the Personnel Department, and multiple schools.

CSC/CEC/EMC

Ms. Yacano stated that they are all set to go with the EV campaign and have approximately 10-15 dealerships committed to help with the program. They will begin the advertising in the coming weeks. Ms. Yacano stated that they will be visiting Oxford Middle School next week.

Broadband

Mr. Butler stated that the project is still moving on. They will be attending a site visit on the progress on Friday. The deadline for the project is in October.

Housing

Mr. Butler stated that the Red Mill project is still progressing. They are nearing completion on the current phase. They will also be attending a site visit to Red Mill on Friday.

2050 Vision Plan

Ms. Yacano proposed August 9th at 6:00 p.m. for the first virtual public kickoff meeting for the Vision Plan and asked if anyone had any concerns with the date. No members had any concerns about the proposed date and time. Mr. Butler stated that they have sent the comments on the branding to Bergmann and updates are going to be sent by tomorrow. Bergmann has consulted with an MWBE for the branding concepts, which meets the MWBE requirements for the project.

3. Privilege of the Floor (allotted time up to Chairperson discretion)

Sup. Scalzo



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Supervisor Scalzo asked if there had been any movement regarding use of the railroad. Mr. Butler recommended that they talk to Mr. Testani. Sup. Scalzo brought up the concerns with the NYSDOT project on State Route 23 in the Town of New Berlin. A discussion was held regarding the concerns with this project.

Mr. Flanagan

Mr. Flanagan stated that Development Chenango Corporation (DCC) is soliciting proposals to manage the Small Project Fund under the DRI program. They will also be soliciting proposals for the Art Project Fund for the DRI.

Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis asked if there were any current vacancies on the Chenango County Planning Board. Mr. Butler responded that there are no current vacancies.

4. Meeting Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting of the Chenango County Planning Board adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The Chenango County Planning & Development Board and 239 Review Committee will meet on August 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Allison Yacano, Planner.



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Summary of Meeting Minutes

Date: August 15, 2023

Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Office Building

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Bob Davis Paul Thomsen Ted Guinn Dan Ryan Karol Kucinski	Michael Flanagan Erik Scrivener Victoria Mitchell Zack Meseck, Sup. Diane Scalzo, Sup.	Shane Butler, Director Allison Yacano, Planner Matt Gladstone, Planner		Paul Romahn Sal Testani

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

1. Old Business

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments or corrections for the July 11, 2023, Planning Board Minutes

Mr. Scrivener moved, seconded by Mr. Kucinski, to approve the July 11, 2023, minutes of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board. All members voted ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments of corrections for the July 11, 2023, 239 Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Guinn moved, seconded by Mr. Scrivener to approve the July 11, 2023, Minutes of the Chenango County 239 Review Committee. All members voted ayes; motion carried.

2. New Business

Transportation

Mr. Gladstone stated that they are finalizing the updated First Transit maps and working on putting together a brochure that will make it simple to view and understand the public transit maps. Mr. Guinn asked why we are making the maps and why First Transit isn't. Mr. Butler responded that they do not have the capacity to design these maps, and under the funding requirements, the County technically owns the system. Mr. Gladstone stated that the survey ended



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yesterday, amounting to 256 responses, which surpasses the goal of 250 responses. Ms. Scalzo asked if the First Transit maps would ever be published on Google Maps. Mr. Gladstone added that this was not planned but could explore the possibility of making that happen.

Agriculture

Mr. Gladstone stated that the Agricultural Tour was held in late July. He believes the event went very well. Mr. Davis asked who exactly is allowed to attend the tour. Mr. Butler responded that generally, seats are saved for Federal, State, and local legislators. After they sign up, they also encourage local municipal and agricultural related boards to sign up.

Airport

Mr. Butler stated that this month was much busier for fuel sales, amounting to \$16,000 in fuel sales over the last month. Ms. Scalzo asked if the Unadilla Motocross event encouraged traffic last weekend. Mr. Butler responded that yes, we had one jet land on Saturday that purchased fuel. We could have had two more jets land over the weekend, however, without a rental car available, the visitors diverted to Hamilton. With limited access to rental cars, Mr. Butler stated that they are exploring the possibility of purchasing an electric vehicle to be able to rent to visitors to the airport.

CSC/CEC/EMC

Ms. Yacano stated that Chenango County has received another \$15,000 grant through the Clean Energy Communities Program. They are exploring the possibility of purchasing all electric landscaping equipment for Public Facilities and the Airport. These will potentially lower operating and maintenance costs for the County. In addition to this, Ms. Yacano stated that the EV Community Campaign is officially up and running. So far, two residents have purchased vehicles and are counting towards the program. Mr. Flanagan asked if the residents themselves can receive any incentives for participating in the program. Ms. Yacano stated that not under this program, but when someone reports a vehicle has been purchased, she forwards them information regarding rebates, incentives, and information that the resident will be able to apply for.

Broadband

Mr. Butler stated that they have requested a budget extension for the wireless broadband project. The contractor needed more funding due to an unforeseen problem with deployment of the infrastructure. This budget modification may



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also be able to provide receivers for residents who participate in the program as well. Mr. Butler also stated that they will be attending the Chenango County IDA meeting this week to discuss the possibility of expanding the Sherburne broadband network down the railroad through the entirety of the County. Ms. Scalzo asked if there had been any updates on the ConnectALL program from New York State. Discussion was had about the varying specifics regarding the new program that is yet to be released.

Housing

Mr. Butler stated that the Red Mill project has also submitted a request for additional funding to expand the concrete at the property. The project is still expected to be completed in Fall 2023.

2050 Vision Plan

Mr. Butler stated that they held the first public meeting for the 2050 Vision Plan last week. He stated that this was not very well attended by the public but expects this to be because it was the first day of the fair and families were not home to attend. Mr. Davis asked if Bergmann would be open to doing a presentation to the Chenango Links group, who would like to get involved. Mr. Butler stated that this may be a possibility, but Bergmann also plans to host a "Meeting in a Box", that will essentially be a presentation to anyone who would like to hold a session. This will allow more people to hear and understand the project.

3. Privilege of the Floor (allotted time up to Chairperson discretion)

Ms. Yacano

Ms. Yacano stated that the annual NYSDOS Training for local government will be held on August 29th, at SUNY Morrisville – Norwich Campus. This will provide three hours of Continuing Education Credit for municipal board members. Ms. Yacano encouraged everyone to spread the word about the training, and make sure to sign up before it fills up. A discussion regarding various solar regulations was held.

Ms. Scalzo

Ms. Scalzo stated that they have recently received a petition to preserve a natural scenic road in the Town of Columbus. This petition is contrary to the Town's responsibility for traffic safety.



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Mr. Scrivener

Mr. Scrivener stated that 8 out of the 9 DRI Projects are moving forward into the contract phase of the program. One applicant had to rescind their application.

Mr. Scrivener stated that they will receive updates regarding the construction on Route 12 tonight and will pass forward the information to our Board next month.

Mr. Scrivener also stated that there is now a group working to revise some of the ordinances in the City of Norwich to make them current and make sure they are consistent.

4. Meeting Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting of the Chenango County Planning Board adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The Chenango County Planning & Development Board and 239 Review Committee will meet on September 12, at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Allison Yacano, Planner.



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Summary of Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2023

Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Office Building

<u>Board Members Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>	<u>Guest(s) Present</u>	<u>Board Member(s) Absent</u>
Bob Davis Paul Thomsen Ted Guinn Paul Romahn Dan Ryan	Karol Kucinski Michael Flanagan Erik Scrivener Diane Scalzo, Sup. Sal Testani	Shane Butler, Director Allison Yacano, Planner Matt Gladstone, Planner	George Seneck Steve Fox	Zack Meseck, Sup. Victoria Mitchell

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

1. Old Business

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments or corrections for the August 15, 2023, Planning Board Minutes.

Ms. Scalzo asked for a modification in the minutes in the privilege of the floor section. Ms. Scalzo would like to clarify that her statement regarding the petition to preserve the scenic road is pertinent as it applies to the Town's responsibility for traffic safety. Ms. Yacano stated that she will edit the minutes accordingly.

Mr. Guinn moved, seconded by Mr. Kucinski to approve the August 15, 2023, minutes of the Chenango County Planning and Development Board, with modifications. All members voted ayes; motion carried.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments or corrections for the August 15, 2023, 239 Review Committee Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Guinn moved, seconded by Mr. Kucinski to approve the August 15, 2023, Minutes of the Chenango County 239 Review Committee. All members voted ayes; motion carried.



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2. New Business

Transportation

Mr. Gladstone stated that the First Transit maps are officially finished and published on the First Transit website. The next step is to compile all the maps and create a user-friendly pamphlet with all the routes. These will be distributed around the county for ease of access for the buses. Mr. Gladstone stated that they will be holding the next quarterly Transportation Coordination meeting at the end of the month.

Agriculture

Mr. Gladstone stated that they have begun planning the Ag Tour for Legislators for 2024. They are looking ahead to ensure more Legislators from the State will be able to attend. Next year, the tour will focus on the Southern part of the County.

Airport

Mr. Butler stated that the airport was busy in the month of August, amounting to 16 business flights and \$13,000 in fuel sales. They have also begun planning the 2024 Airport Day and have tentatively confirmed the National Warplane Museum and Whiskey-7. They are also coordinating with Warbird Adventures to bring a P-40 to the event. Mr. Butler stated that multiple grants have been progressing. USDA, the Basic Agency for the Jet Hangar and Admin Building Renovation Project, will be coming to OIC to conduct a site visit before work can begin. The Taxiway Construction project is preliminarily slated to begin in October, with a Pre-Construction meeting next week. Mr. Butler stated that their AWOS is still giving issues and hopes to obtain funding soon to fix the problem. THE ARC Application for the Site Development project has been submitted. They hope to hear about the award in early 2024.

CSC/CEC/EMC

Ms. Yacano stated that the EV campaign is running smoothly. They currently have three sign ups from the program and are actively advertising for participation in the program. Ms. Yacano also stated that they are looking to host another Clean Heating presentation with NEST and the Village of Sherburne. If the County can get 20 more participants in the program, they are eligible for a \$30,000 action grant, and a \$30,000 point grant.

Broadband

Mr. Butler stated that they have asked for another extension for the Broadband Expansion Project, due to equipment delays and the issue with removing equipment from the Chenango Lake Tower. They have also been approved for an additional \$60,000 for the project for the purposes of the Chenango Lake Tower. Interconnect Wireless Corporation has been approved for the ACP Program and



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will begin advertising several aspects of this program very soon. Mr. Butler is also working with several entities to explore the possibility of running fiber lines from Sherburne to Binghamton. Preliminary figures estimate this will cost approximately \$2.5 million. Mr. Davis asked about other broadband availability, such as Starlink. Mr. Butler responded that this is a great option but has a very large upfront cost to get the equipment installed in your home.

Housing

Mr. Butler stated that the Red Mill Project is nearing completion. They have also applied for additional funding for add-ons for the project. They hope to hear news regarding this in the next week.

2050 Vision Plan

Mr. Butler stated that the plan is going well so far, but due to sickness and other problems, they are at a standstill. They are holding a meeting with Bergmann later this week to get updates on the survey and plans for the Meetings in a Box. Mr. Davis asked if they have an updated survey number. Mr. Butler stated no, but the last number he heard, was about 162 responses, which is not a great number. With about 20,000 households in Chenango County, Mr. Butler hopes to get at least 10% of that number in responses to the survey.

3. Privilege of the Floor (allotted time up to Chairperson discretion)

Ms. Yacano

Ms. Yacano stated that they are assisting the Village of Oxford with their Round 2 Application for the NY Forward Program. They are meeting weekly with the committee to revise last year's application and put forward a stronger application that is in line with the goals from the REDC. Mr. Davis asked what exactly the Village is proposing in the application. Ms. Yacano responded that they are using a similar framework from last year. This includes revitalizing several buildings downtown, increasing walkability, park upgrades, and clean energy upgrades. The application is due on September 29th. Public meetings for the project will be held for the next three weeks on Wednesday nights at the Oxford Memorial Library.

Mr. Gladstone

Mr. Gladstone stated that they held the Rock the Quarry race at the end of August. The race went very well and are looking forward to hosting another race at the end of the year.

Ms. Scalzo

Ms. Scalzo stated that she attended the NYSDOS training. She was very pleased with the information that was presented during the training, especially regarding solar. She finds it very important to consider decommissioning plans as this is



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crucial to ensure the decommissioning does not fall on the landowner at the end of the project.

Mr. Testani

Mr. Testani stated that 8/9 of the projects are moving forward in the DRI Project. They hope construction to begin as early as May 2024. The DCC will be managing the Small Project Fund under the DRI. Mr. Testani stated that they held the RFP opening for the Hotel Project as well. They will be presenting the recommendation to the Executive Committee soon.

Mr. Guinn

Mr. Guinn stated that they had multiple members from a local Planning Board attend the Town of Norwich Planning Board Meeting. After the meeting, Mr. Guinn met with these members to discuss the 239 Review Process. Ms. Yacano suggested that the Planning Department should create a video or a flyer to provide information about the process.

Mr. Scrivener

Mr. Scrivener stated that the City Watermain Project is hoping to be complete on October 6th, with the NYSDOT to begin paving on October 9th. Mr. Testani asked if the project was short on material. Mr. Scrivener stated that the project was initially going to include the section of Route 12 from East Main Street to Rexford Street. Due to several setbacks, this portion of the Watermain will not be updated at this time. They are beginning to work on the Water Improvement Plan to identify problems with the water system and develop a plan to fix other lines in the future. Mr. Scrivener also stated that the city is starting a Downtown Relief program, using federal funding, to assist downtown businesses that have lost revenue due to the water main project. Mr. Testani stated that Commerce Chenango wanted to help with this situation but did not have the funding that the city had access to.

Mr. Seneck

Mr. Seneck stated that the Town of Guilford has passed an Unsafe Structures Law. They hope that this will positively impact the code violations in the town.

Mr. Ryan

Mr. Ryan asked if there was anything being done with the unsafe properties in the City of Norwich and if there is anything that can be done with this. Mr. Butler stated that there would have to be a land bank that could take over these properties. Further discussion was held regarding the unsafe properties in the City.



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Mr. Fox

Mr. Fox added that the code problems are not exclusive to the city, but also county wide. They are seeing violations due to many reasons, but mainly because of funding problems on the property owner's side. Mr. Fox also believes that there is too much stress on the local municipalities to enforce this and the town courts do not have the capacity to enforce.

4. Meeting Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: The Chenango County Planning & Development Board and 239 Review Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Allison Yacano, Planner.