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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING TOURISM/AGRICULTURE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING June 2, 2020

ATTENDEES:

Legislators: Dale Weston, Ed Hollenbeck, Mike Roberts, Dennis Mullen

Staff: LeeAnn Tinney, Linda Sampson, Andy Fagan, Drew Griffin

Guests: None

Legislator Weston called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- Approval of minutes from March 3, 2020 – Legislator Weston asked for approval of minutes from the March 3, 2020 committee meeting. Legislator Mullen made a motion to accept the March 3, 2020 minutes, seconded by Legislator Hollenbeck. All were in favor.

TIOGA COUNTY CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (CCE): Andy Fagan- Monthly Report previously emailed. Mr. Fagan reviewed his monthly report; highlighting General/Admin duties, the 4H Program, Agriculture and Horticulture, Family Development, SNAP, Youth Employment, Community Energy and Dairy and Field Crops.

Mr. Fagan announced this would be the last Legislative Committee Meeting he would be attending due to his retirement the end of June. Mr. Fagan also announced that CCE is now open using guidelines for COVID-19 Reopening NY and has completed the affirmation as well.

Mr. Fagan distributed the Cornell Cooperative Extension Connecting & Enriching Communities booklet.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING (ED&P): LeeAnn Tinney– Agenda, attachments and highlights previously emailed. Following are the Director's Highlights:

Meetings Attended – Ms. Tinney reported all meetings are done through Zoom.

- Southern Tier Network- This project continues to move forward. Fujitsu is the consultant completing the broadband study to look at unserved and underserved areas across the five county region; Yates, Schuyler, Chemung, Steuben and Tioga Counties.
- Southern Tier Leaders Regional meeting- Had a conversation with elected officials across the Southern Tier region.
- Economic Development Organizations (Southern Tier) 5/11, 5/26 – Meeting every two weeks with the Economic Development Leaders across the 8 county region; sharing information and documents that have been created; very beneficial.
- Tioga County Economic Recovery Advisory Council- 5/6, 5/20, 5/27 – This is a group established and made up of 26 representatives from different sectors across the county; sub-groups have been created focusing on specific sectors. A member of TEAM Tioga is participating in each sector, including; business, agriculture, real estate, schools, public sector and private sector. The purpose is to discuss short term needs and resources at this point. Meetings in the near future will begin to discuss long term solutions; trying to identify and assist what the potential challenges will be.
- Congressman Reed updates- 5/11, 5/13, 5/18, 5/21 – Participated in these informative meetings.
- Waverly Business Association – Attended the monthly meeting.
- Local Development Corporation (Tourism) – Monthly meetings continue. Ms. Maffei is actively seeking ways to assist the impacted Tourism related businesses in the County.
- Tioga County Chamber of Commerce – There is a change in leadership; Andy Hafer is the new President and CEO of the Chamber. Gwen Kania has retired. Mr. Hafer was previously with Tioga Opportunities and is looking forward to working with TEAM Tioga.
- Empire State Development- A new State Loan Program has rolled out. A couple of TEAM Tioga members participated in the webinar; working with Bob Griffith of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) who will be responsible for managing that loan fund.
- Finger Lakes Wine Country Tourism Marketing Association – Alerted the Finger Lakes Wine Country Tourism Marketing Association and Tioga Downs that, depending what happens with the local budget, it's possible the County will not be participating in the \$60,000.00 fee in 2021.
- TCIDA Loan Committee – The loan committee has reviewed six requests for the Emergency Relief Loan Program. Of those six requests, the committee has approved five. \$390,000.00 remains of the \$475,000.00 initially available in the program. As suspected, most businesses went after the Small Business Association (SBA) Programs first because of the level of forgiveness associated with those programs. The Emergency Relief Program is a loan that has to be repaid. Interest in the loan program will most likely increase when the SBA money runs out.
- Tioga County Workforce Strategy – This project is in the final stages. A final draft has been completed.
- Press Conferences- 5/6, 5/13, 5/20 – ED&P gave updates at these press conferences.
- Municipal Visits
 - Town of Owego – Providing assistance with a CFA regarding their salt barn funding.
- Business Visits
 - Tioga Downs
- Presentations
 - MWBE Virtual Expo – Spoke about COVID-19 resources in Tioga County with two others on the panel; this meeting was well attended.
 - ZOOM- 5/22 - Hosted a Zoom meeting with businesses addressing Phase 1 re-opening.
 - ZOOM- 5/29 - Hosted Zoom meeting with businesses addressing Phase 2 re-opening. Will be hosting another Zoom meeting addressing Phase 3 re-opening when it is permitted.

Department Highlights

- 2020 Census- Ms. Jardine presented at one of the press conferences; explaining why the Census is important and tying it into our work on COVID-19.
- Village of Owego DRI- We continue to work on this project. We have been told by the State to keep moving forward; we have been encouraging everyone to complete their plans.
- Land Bank – Second round of funding has been awarded; \$560,000.00. Ms. Saraceno has submitted a plan on how that is to be managed.
 - Six properties in Waverly have been sold – Fulton St., Chemung St., Park Place, Cayuta Ave., Chemung St., Howard St.; an offer has been made on Providence St.
 - Continues outreach for remaining properties; Park Place in Waverly and Liberty St., Temple St., Chestnut St. in Owego, as well as a rehab on Lincoln St. in Waverly.
- Community Development
 - Foundation Coalition Emergency Fund – Ms. Hendrickson brought this group together before COVID-19, however during this time the Foundation Coalition has come together to establish a not-for-profit specific relief fund. Because of its success, they are looking into providing another round.
 - Non- Profit Activity – Ongoing.
 - Community assistance – Ongoing.
- Workforce
 - Phase II Implementation Strategy- Spoke about earlier in the meeting; nearing completion.
- Ag
 - 8 Year District Review – This project continues for the following 2 districts:
 - District Notice received (Owego-Nichols)
 - District Notice received (Spencer/Candor/Barton/Tioga)

Response has been considerably less compared to previous years; Ms. Jardine and Ms. Griffiths have been making phone calls to gather information to complete the reviews.
- Planning
 - 239 Reviews- None for May.
 - Active Plans
 - REAP- Tioga County Code Enforcement Shared Services Feasibility Study continues.
 - REAP- Tioga County Workforce Pipeline Study, Phase II, continues.
- Grants
 - Potential
 - REAP- USDA Community Facilities, Town of Richford- (water system)
 - REAP- USDA Community Facilities, Richford Fire Dept.- (fire station)
 - REAP- USDA, Village of Spencer- Raymond Hadley (equipment)
 - Owego Elks Lodge (TBD)
 - Town of Berkshire (TBD)- rec trail
 - Village of Newark Valley- USDA Community Facilities (equipment)
 - Pending
 - Tioga County- Snowmobile
 - Town of Berkshire- DOT TAP funding (sidewalk extension)
 - Village of Owego- Rural Innovation Initiative (CPSI)
 - Owego Apalachin Central School District- WDI (workforce)
 - Town of Richford- SAM, Assemblyman Friend (highway equipment)

- NYS 2020 Census Outreach Funding
- IDA- USDA RBDG, Multi-county broadband study
- IDA- USDA RBDG, ag value chain study
- USDA RBDG, North Avenue Revitalization Program
- Waverly Glen Park- Mildred Faulkner Truman
- Northern Tioga Chamber- Community Foundation (facilities improvements)
- Foundation Coalition- Hooker Foundation, TCFC Emergency Fund
- Foundation Coalition- Avangrid, TCFC Emergency Fund
- Active
 - Village of Owego- RESTORE NY, Briggs/Award
 - Village of Owego- Downtown Revitalization Initiative
 - Village of Spencer- Nichols Park (grandstand restoration)
 - Village of Spencer- Nichols Park (historic register nomination)
 - Village of Waverly- NYS Parks, Waverly Glen Park
 - Village of Waverly- RESTORE NY, Twigg
 - REAP- USDA, Code Enforcement Shared Services Feasibility Study
 - REAP- USDA REDI, Strategic Planning (extended 1 year)
 - REAP- USDA, Workforce Pipeline Strategy Study- Phase 2
 - REAP- USDA, Public Well (equipment)
 - REAP- Tioga Downs, Tioga Theater (study)
 - TCPDC- Enterprise Community Partners (land bank funds)- X2
 - Village of Owego- Design Connect (Art Park)
 - Village of Owego- Main Street (CFA)
 - Midwestern Pet Foods (CFA)
 - Racker (CFA)
- Completed
 - Village of Owego- Evergreen Cemetery Cultural Landscape Report
 - Foundation Coalition- Lockheed Martin, TCFC Emergency Fund
 - Foundation Coalition- Fannie Hyde, TCFC Emergency Fund
 - Foundation Coalition- Mildred Faulkner Truman, TCFC Emergency
 - Foundation Coalition- Community Foundation, TCFC Emergency
 - Foundation Coalition- Senior Citizens Foundation, TCFC Emergency

Not on the agenda, Ms. Tinney reported that TEAM Tioga is starting a campaign, "Stay the Course." The purpose of this campaign is to encourage businesses and the general public to continue with COVID-19 practices to keep our numbers within the metrics, so we can continue with the phased opening. Also, Ms. Tinney pointed out that the list of affirmations are coming in and TEAM Tioga is comparing that information with their database of businesses. TEAM staff members are reaching out to those businesses who have not completed their affirmations to encourage them to do so.

- 2020 Budget – Ms. Tinney provided a memo to the Treasurer's Office with the requested budget modification.
 - Economic Development-
 - 10% modification
 - Planning-
 - 10% modification

Resolutions- None

ADJOURNMENT – With no further topics of discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Sampson
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