

SASD - Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday July 28, 2015

6:00 PM at the home of Board Member Dick Riseling in Callicoon Center, NY

ATTENDANCE

Board members in attendance: Kathie Aberman, Michael Chojnicki, Bruce Ferguson, Linda Reik, Dick Riseling, Jill Weiner.

Board members absent with notice: Isaac Green Diebboll, Roy Tedoff.

Board members absent without notice: Mark Koeppen.

Also present: SASD Co-Executive Directors Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart

A meeting notice was sent to all board members in accordance with the Bylaws.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM. The attendees constituted a quorum.

Board President Michael Chojnicki outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Minutes for the April 28th meeting were approved with one change, a correction to the spelling of Shandelee.

Moved by Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Dick Riseling. Unanimously adopted.

Order of Business

1. Sandy Oxford was proposed as a Board member.

Moved by Jill Wiener, seconded by Bruce Ferguson. Approved unanimously.

2. Additional Board members.

Two additional board nominees were discussed. Michael Chojnicki will reach out to set up a meeting with Peggy Gans and to discuss Sean Zigmund's interest in returning to the board.

3. Bylaws, Committees Restructuring and Updates (In Compliance with the Bylaws):

Michael Chojnicki and Carol Roig will meet with Laurie McFadden in August to begin consultation regarding need updates to SASD's bylaws to comply with new NYS regulations governing non-profit organizations.

4. SASD Logo/Letterhead

Bruce suggested we use the interim design for the time being.

5. CCA

Stephen Stuart and Carol Roig reported on the status of County go-ahead for SASD's application to the Public Service Commission for a countywide CCA. They have had three meetings with County staff and County Attorney's office to identify areas of concern. MEGA has also notified the County that they will likely prepare an application to the PSC for a state-wide CCA. To prepare for seeking a vote in August to approve the application, Carol and Stephen have prepared a proposal document and table of comparisons between SASD's SC CCA and what we know so far about what MEGA might propose. Carol and Stephen will begin individual presentations to legislators to present the proposal and answer any questions.

6. NY Prize Microgrid Projects Liberty and Monticello

Booz Allen Hamilton has issued a request for information to municipalities and the other community stakeholders. SASD will need to provide assistance to collect this information.

7. Budget and financial report – Stephen Stuart

- Third quarter County payment has been received.
- We have also received a \$4,000 refund from the IRS regarding misfiled form 941
- County budget request for 2016 is due August 14th. Board recommends a request of \$75,000 to reflect additional work relating to County projects in fulfillment of the Climate Action Plan.

8. Climate Smart Communities

Work continues with the Bethel CSC committee. The third roundtable is scheduled for August 27^h and will focus on community outreach and GHG emissions from septic systems and municipal wastewater treatment facilities.

9. Water Symposium

Carol Roig and Stephen Stuart met with Evadne Giannini to discuss ideas for the formal symposium session. Evadne has extensive knowledge of water conservation practices for home and businesses and will anchor a session on water policy and practices. Carol distributed an outline of the 1-day symposium sessions – 3 sessions with about 10-12 speakers.

Michael Chojnicki reported that the viewing deck at the Equinunk sawmill is nearly complete and the group will be happy to host a visit. Need to choose dates for all events.

Isaac Green Diebboll has scheduled a meeting of the Education and Outreach Committee at the SASD office a Government Center on Thursday, August 6th at 10:30 to discuss the symposium.

10. Other Outreach efforts

- Stephen and Carol gave a power point presentation at the June 7th meeting of the Sullivan County Partnership.
- Linda has approached the Town of Callicoon regrading switching to LED street lights.
- Next issue of the newsletter will be after Labor Day. Articles will include a CCA update (Bruce), REV and its implications/opportunities for Sullivan County, and a profile of board member Kathie Aberman.
- Board members are requested to provide short biographies for the web site.

11. Housekeeping Items

- Need to make sure Mark Koeppen is included on the google group mail list.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Motion by Jill Wiener, seconded by Bruce Ferguson. Unanimously agreed.

Next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 29th.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Roig, acting as Secretary for this meeting.