

Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council Meeting

Binghamton University, Innovative Technology Complex, Smart Energy Building

June 21, 2018

12:00-2:00

Executive Session 12:00-1:00

Council Members Present: T. Tranter, H. Stenger, B. Hale, L. Shumaker, M. Stamm, M. Sauerbrey, R. Sotak, R. David, E. Hartman, P. Cummings, M. Dietrich, P. Ellsworth, J. McKinney-Cherry, K. McLaughlin, M. Opperman, M. Printup, M. Robertson

Council Members Alternates: T. O'Hearn (for D. Fagan), J. Johnson (for J. Hauryski), S. Craig (for L. Wilcox), S. Lattin (for T. O'Mara), Jan Nyrop (for K. Boor), J. De Souza (for M. Field), J. Koski (for M. Krusen), G. Battestin (for S. Trichka), R. Kelsey (for L. Tinney)

State Agency/Local Government/Staff: K. Smith (DOL), J. Sweet (DOS), C. Whalen (NYS Assembly, for Donna Lupardo), D. Howell (ESD), J. Roman (ESD), T. Kocak (ESD), S. Mora (ESD), J. Bedrin (ESD), K. Grippen (CHAMBER), P. Rumsey (CHAMBER), O. Sanders (CHAMBER), S. Wallmar (ESD)

T. Tranter called the meeting to order and requested that Council members and alternates introduce themselves.

T. Tranter called for approval of minutes from the 05/11/18 REDC meeting. B. Hale moved to accept the minutes of the 05/11/18 REDC meeting as presented, seconded by E. Hartman. The members voted in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.

B. Hale provided a URI Update, including new projects awarded, the number of applications received and status of each.

Work group updates

Co-Chair of the Greater Binghamton Work Group T. Kane provided an update on the Greater Binghamton Work Group, including an update on the progress of the Greater Binghamton Fund initiative.

J. Johnson, Co-Chair of the Food & Agriculture Work Group, provided an update on the Food and Agriculture Work Group which has been focused on promoting the 2018 CFA process and increasing the number of food & ag related CFA applications.

J. Cherry, Co-Chair of the Innovative Cultures Work Group, provided an update about the review of applications in conjunction with Tourism Promotion Agencies (TPAs), expanding work group membership to include TPAs, and conducting outreach for the 2018 CFA process.

B. Hale, Co-Chair of the Advanced Manufacturing Work Group, provided an update on the Advanced Manufacturing Work Group, including a recap of the May 23rd childcare event, promoting the advanced apprenticeship program in Tioga County, as well as working with all manufacturing companies to promote 2018 CFA applications.

J. Lesko, Co-Chair of the Workforce Development Work Group, provided an update which included information about bimonthly meetings, discussions about transportation, apprenticeships, childcare, and other key barriers to work, and sharing best practices and programs that are working in the area.

J. Miller, Community Development Director for the City of Elmira, provided an update on the Elmira DRI, including the mixed-use project at 100 West Water Street and working with NYS Homes and Community Renewal on the selection and renovation of 11 downtown buildings.

J. Sweet, Regional Director for the NYS Department of State, provided update on Watkins Glen DRI process, including the announcement of the DRI selected projects along with major improvements to Watkins Glen State Park.

Staff Report

D. Howell presented the staff report, including a review of Round 8 CFA competition evaluation criteria, state strategies, and timeline. D. Howell updated the REDC on staffing changes in the Regional Office and the approval of Opportunity Zones which are listed on ESD's website.

Public Comment: None

There being no further public comment, T. Tranter stated that the next REDC meeting will be held on September 6, 2018 and the meeting was adjourned.