

Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council Meeting

Binghamton University, Innovative Technology Complex

July 8, 2019

Executive Session from 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Open Session 1:00PM – 2:00PM

Council Members Present: H.Stenger, J. McKinney-Cherry, K. Connerton, D. Burlew, R. David, M. Dietrich, P Ellsworth, M. Field, E. Hartman, B. Hale, J.Garnar, B. Lifton, R.Materese, D. Mandell, M. Opperman, M. Robertson, L. Tinney, B.Schindler, H.McDaniel, S. Myrick, T. O'Mara, M. Printup

Council Member Alternates: T. O'Hearn (for D. Fagan), J. Johnson (for J. Hauryski), D.Sheen (alt for Chris Moss), J. Nyrop (alt for K.Boor), T. Pham (for S. Trichka),S. Craig (for L Wilcox)

State Agency/Local Government/Staff: D. Howell (ESD), T. Kocak (ESD), S. Wallmar (ESD), S.Glose (ESD), V. Esposito (ESD), P. Rumsey (Chamber), C. Norton (Chamber), J. Sweet (DOS), L. Skrill(HCR), N. Chobak (DOT), K. DeVoe (ESD)

H. Stenger called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM. And requested that Council members and alternates introduce themselves.

H. Stenger called for approval of corrected minutes from the 05/29/19 REDC meeting. The members voted in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Southern Tier Soaring URI Update: B. Hale discussed the aggregated project cost of URI projects is \$1.4 Billion. Of 191 total applications, 41 have been funded 15 are in progress, 2 applications need more information 133 stage rejected cancelled or terminated.

Work Group Updates

Greater Binghamton: J. Garnar reported no updates.

Food and Agriculture: J. Nyrop reminded the group of two dates; the Grow NY closing date for first round applications is July 15, 2019 and they have received several high-quality applications. The second dates will be November 12, and November 13 for the first NY Food and Ag Summit being held at the Rochester Convention Center.

Advanced Manufacturing: B. Hale reported that 3 Counties have CFA applications submitted.

Innovative Cultures: J. McKinney-Cherry reported that they are continuing to work on the 5G opportunity along with projects being discussed in Ithaca and Roxbury. Also working on Environmental Justice requirement and will have meeting on July 26, 2019 at 1:00PM at the Koffman Incubator in Binghamton.

DRI Updates:

Elmira: D. Mandell reported Center town parking garage rehabilitation and river front boardwalk will all be completed by 2020. Water Street Parking garage is on schedule.

Watkins Glen: T. O'Hearn reported that Watkins Glen is one of only two municipalities in Schuyler County to see population growth, and record sales tax growths due to DRI Initiative. 12 DRI projects underway and on target, 5 projects completed Phase I environmental studies. Also, they have identified \$2 million in private investment that has been spurred by the DRI.

Owego: L. Tinney reported that Owego is waiting for an announcement. Tioga County will also be submitting 4 or 5 CFA capital grant applications because of the DRI.

New Business

Round 9 Consolidated Funding Awards: D. Howell reminded everyone of CFA application deadline that is July 26, 2019 at exactly 4:00 p.m.

Workforce Development: J. Roman discussed new Workforce Development Initiative guidelines and process to apply. Meeting was held June 27 to discuss regional priorities and how to push workforce development initiatives. The next meeting will be held July 16, 2019 at 2:00 in the Hubbard Auditorium in Owego, NY.

Child Care: M. Arcuri who is the Director of Workforce Development at I-86 Innovation Corridor reported on the Governor's Childcare Initiative. It is reported that there is a shortage of about half of seats needed in terms of providing sufficient childcare for our workforce. Southern Tier Childcare is a dynamic and adaptable home-based program that provides child care where and when it is most needed. The program identifies potential home-based child care providers in eligible homes. Being a member of network will reduce provider attrition, by establishing long-term support for ongoing professional interactions. 50% loss of home-based providers, so this support system should help ease the sense of isolation and support for time off. Financing should come from private, state and other financing.

Upcoming Dates:

- July 31 – Southern Tier MWBE Boot Camp
- September 11 – REDC Full Council Meeting

Public Comment:

Jen Gregory from Southern Tier 8 reported meeting with economic developers looking for priority projects, guiding municipalities through the innovative new energy projects. Please contact Southern Tier 8 for assistance.

Adjournment H. Stenger adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.