

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Of the
Niagara River Greenway Commission
Beaver Island State Park
December 18, 2007 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Robert Kresse at 12:40 pm. Based on the roll call by the Secretary of the Commission, a quorum of members was determined to be present.

Attendees: Robert Kresse, Commission Chairman
Paul Leuchner, Commission Secretary
John Giardino, Commission Treasurer
Ron Hayes, Commissioner
Ron Moline, Commission Member
Mark Thomas, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Ray Goll, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Angela Berti, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
Rob Belue, Executive Director, Niagara River Greenway Commission
Rob Daly, New York Power Authority

Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 20, 2007 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mark Thomas and seconded by Ron Moline. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Comments by the Chairman

Robert Kresse noted that public commentary will not be permitted during the course of any Executive Committee meeting. However, if time allows an opportunity for *informal* public comment will be provided at the end of such meetings. These comments will not be included in the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting. If comments are to be made for the record they should be presented at a regularly scheduled meeting of the full commission.

Report of the Executive Director

Executive Director Rob Belue reported that a total of eleven projects had been submitted for consultation and review by the Niagara River Greenway Commission. Another project proposal was found to be incomplete and was withdrawn by the project sponsor (this project will be submitted during the next consultation cycle). The total value of the projects submitted during this round of consultation amounted to \$13,052, 986. Mr. Belue noted that to date the only a few letters of comment had been received. He reminded everyone that the public comment period ends on December 22, 2007 and that the official comment period for members of the Niagara River Greenway Commission ends on January 1, 2007 (since this closing date falls on a holiday comments will be accepted until January 2nd).

Rob Belue also reported that Senator Mary Lou Rath has initiated the process for the search and selection of a replacement for Commissioner Ron Moline who is the Chairman of the Local Government Advisory Committee. Mr. Moline will be leaving the Niagara River Greenway Commission on December 31, 2007.

Rob Belue reminded agency members of the Niagara River Greenway Commission that a progress report will be needed at the next regular meeting on the development of consistency review procedures required by Chapter 460, Section 39.19.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Chairman Kresse introduced Mark Thomas representing the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. On behalf of Parks Commissioner Carol Ash a letter of commendation for Ron Moline was read by Mr. Thomas. Commissioner Ash thanked Mr. Moline for his dedicated professional service while serving as a charter member of the Niagara River Greenway Commission. A plaque honoring Commissioner Moline was presented by Chairman Robert Kresse.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Paul Leuchner and seconded by Commissioner Ron Moline. The meeting concluded at 1:03 pm.

Paul Leuchner, Secretary
Niagara River Greenway Commission