

**Minutes of Meeting
Salmon Rivers Council of Governments
Monday, October 14, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

Attending:

Albion: Aaron Walter, Mike Faulkner

Orwell: William Potter

Parish: Mary Ann Phillips

SRCG staff: Paul M. Baxter

Tug Hill Commission: Katie Malinowski

Meeting commenced at 3:00 p.m.

Tug Hill Executive Director Katie Malinowski reported on the commission's strategic plan for 2020-2024, and reviewed its key elements. Outreach has been incorporated into the plan.

Mary Ann Phillips raised questions about wind and solar, and local land uses and moratoriums. Katie noted that access to three-phase power was a condition of large scale energy production, and a substations map is needed to identify those areas of greatest potential for those installations.

Katie updated the group on the recent Tug Hill landowners and residents survey, which showed a drop in support for wind and solar energy generally. She went on to review the results of the survey overall.

The status of the process to add a contractor to assist the SRCG circuit rider in meeting coverage was discussed, and the group supported moving forward with the process.

Katie noted that the commission had added a new planner in anticipation of the upcoming retirement of planning director Phil Street.

Regarding area state Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and legislation for equitable treatment of those in the Oswego County portion of the Tug Hill region compared to those in other parts of the state, bills have been introduced but there has been no action beyond that at this point.

On minimum maintenance roads and legislation in support of those, there has been follow-up to that proposed state legislation, including meetings with key legislators. A Comptroller's analysis of the bill is expected by January 2020. If it is not possible to pass a bill which applies statewide, it may be possible to get a bill passed specific to the Tug Hill region. Statewide would be preferable.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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