

Agenda – July 2025 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: 12:03pm

2. Roll Call:

Attendance: Sean Lanning, Edgar VanScoy, Robert Williams, Ladd Yost

Guest(s): Christina BrownExcused: Jim Tornatore

3. Approval of Minutes: Approval of April 2025 meeting minutes.

Motion: E. VanScoy

• 2nd: L. Yost

4. Reports:

- Treasurer's Report Christina Brown
 - TSB Loan Details 4% variable interest rate, maturity date: 2033
 - Motion: S. Lanning
 - o 2nd: L. Yost
- President's Report Sean Lanning
 - Motion: E. VanScoy
 - o 2nd: L. Yost

5. Unfinished Business

Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosures

- Pending E. VanScoy, C. Brown, L. Yost
- O Submitted R. Williams, S. Lanning

Recruitment Strategy

- Each town/village in Tioga County may appoint a resident to act as its representative. No more than 7 board members representing special community interests.
- S. Lanning will conduct outreach to municipalities in August in the hopes to vote individuals on the board at September meeting.

Equipment

- E. VanScoy will send S. Lanning email with equipment description. S. Lanning will then perform the following actions:
- S. Lanning will contact Tioga County Public Works by 7/31/2025
- SL will contact food prep/food banks by 7/31/2025 attempt to donate until 12/31/2025
- E. VanScoy reported that the equipment is 7 years old. The board has agreed to scrap the equipment after 1/1/2026 if alternate solutions are not found.

• 2025 Brochure

 S. Lanning provided updated 2025 brochure. Changes included decreasing section about REAP Board and increasing information on USDA loans.

6. New Business

- New Board Member Christina Brown New board member
 - Motion: E. VanScoy
 - o 2nd: L. Yost
- Officer Election
 - President Sean Lanning
 - Vice President Edgar VanScoy
 - Secretary Vacant
 - Treasurer Christina Brown
- Board Member Resignation Jim Tornatore Resignation
 - The board thanks Jim for his years of service, dedication, and commitment to expanding economic development opportunities in Tioga County.
 - o Motion: S. Lanning
 - o 2nd: E. VanScoy
- Loan Payoff Vote to accept full payment of REAP's TSB loan in the amount of \$32,231.49
 - Current bank account balance of \$37,678.96
 - Outstanding loan balance of \$32,231.49
 - If loan is paid off, annual REAP expenses decrease to about \$1,000. REAP can then proceed to change the town fee request process, decreasing requests from towns and improving relationships.
 - o C. Brown will contact Jon Ward to pay off the loan
 - Motion: E. VanScoy
 - o 2nd: L. Yost
- Meeting Schedule Vote to amend meeting schedule to tri-annual (January, May, September)
 - January (Annual Meeting, Pre-RBDG Grant Cycle) Conflict of Interest documents, Meeting Schedule, Officer Elections, Vote for New Members, Contact municipalities for projects that align with grants
 - May (Pre-CF & Water/Waste Disposal Grant Cycle) Announcements on USDA funding sources (aligns with USDA grant timelines and reminds everyone of the opportunities when they can still submit an application), Miscellaneous actions, opportunities
 - September (Post-Grant Cycles) Recap of USDA applications from Tioga County municipalities and organizations, Board member recruitment, Town fees discussion, Report on REAP successes
 - Motion: E. VanScoy.
 - o 2nd: R. Williams

7. Announcements

- One-minute Updates:
 - L. Yost: Had a question about the REAP Zone for which they've allocated \$337K is what area? Is that Tioga County?
 - E. VanScoy explained that there are five REAP zones, two REAP Zones in New York. These zones get priority eligibility and consideration for the USDA funding sources (CF, RBDG, WWD).

- R. Williams: Emergency Services successful open house in May, Radio project on going, working on revitalizing the Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD
- **8.** <u>Adjournment</u> 12:52pm

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 10 @ noon – Microsoft Teams