



Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board

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Paul W. Pinckney, Chairman David V. Bottar, Executive Director

MINUTES

**Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board
Board of Directors Meeting
August 28, 2024**

ATTENDANCE

Board members: Julie Abbott, Pamela D. Caraccioli, Emanuel Carter, Patrick Clune, Edward Gilson, Jennifer Haines, Beau Harbin, Kipp Hicks, Cydney M. Johnson, David Knapp, Mary Ann Messinger, Brendan O'Bryan, Paul W. Pinckney, Tim Stahl, Scott Steve, Kari Terwilliger.

Guests: Alberto Bianchetti and Bart Franey

Staff: Michael Boccuzzi, David V. Bottar, Erica Herman, Bruce Keplinger, Amanda Mazzoni, Aaron McKeon, Allison Perry, Lindsay Speer, Patricia Wortley

1. CALL TO ORDER

Paul Pinckney called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm at the offices of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board in Syracuse, New York. Mr. Pinckney noted the meeting included a zoom meeting link and that several members were participating in the meeting via the link.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the agenda and minutes from the June 12, 2024 Board meeting as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. NATIONAL GRID'S UPSTATE UPGRADE INITIATIVE

Alberto Bianchetti, Central New York Regional Director for Customer and External Affairs for National Grid and Bart D. Franey, Vice-President for Clean Energy Development for National Grid were introduced and provided a power point presentation summarizing National Grid's recently announced Upstate Upgrade, a comprehensive multi-year effort aimed at improving grid resilience through the investment of more than \$4 billion on more than 70 individual transmission projects in Upstate New York. As part of their presentation, Mr. Bianchetti also presented information on the status of National Grid's efforts to undertake a detailed technical energy design project to develop a district energy system in the Syracuse Lakefront area with funding provided by NYSEDA. Mr. Bottar noted this technical study builds on the original grant the agency secured on behalf of National Grid and CHA Engineers to complete a high-level feasibility study for the project that was completed in 2023.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The next item discussed on the agenda was a brief program status report as presented by Mr. Bottar. Mr. Bottar noted that staff remain actively engaged in the full range of program activities and is working to finalize an executed contract with the USDA Forestry Service for the CNY Forestry project. Mr. Bottar also noted that the State recently issued the Micron Community Engagement Committee's Communities Priorities Document for the Community Investment Fund and has opened a funding window through the NYS Empire State Development for NYS Green CHIPS Program funding with preliminary expressions of funding application due in January 2025.

Mr. Bottar concluded his remarks by reminding members that NOAA has formally designated the Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary and a ceremony to celebrate this announcement is scheduled for September 6, 2024 at 11:00 am at the William C. Pier in Oswego, New York.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pinckney noted there was no old or new business presented to the Board for discussion. It was noted that the next Executive Committee is scheduled for September 25th and the next Board meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2024.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was introduced and seconded to adjourn the meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Messinger, Secretary