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CTHC Spring Dinner Meeting Minutes 04/29/2025

The meeting, held at the 3G Fire Hall in Glenfield with catering by Tim Fargo, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman R. Tibbetts. Roll Call of Towns showed 15 towns and one village in attendance for the meeting with representatives from Boylston, Constableville, Florence, Harrisburg, Lewis, Leyden, Lorraine, Martinsburg, Montague, Osceola, Pinckney, Redfield, Rodman, Turin, West Turin and Worth present. Also present as guests were three Tug Hill Commissioners, three members of the Tug Hill staff, and 12 other guests for a total attendance of 43 people. Introductions of attendees followed roll call was completed and then a break was then taken for dinner and the meeting was reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes from September 26, 2024, were reviewed (see attached). A motion was made by D. Dietrich (Martinsburg) and seconded by J. Ayotte (Osceola) to accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor.

Reports: Financial Report – A copy of the Financial Report as of March 31, 2025, was presented by Chairman R. Tibbetts (Rodman) for review by members (see attached). Year-to-Date Carryover: \$30,768.68; Receipts to Date: \$2,115.68; Distributions to Date: \$2,751.90; Current Net Funds Available: \$30,132.46. Following review, a motion was made by S. Harmych (Pinckney) and seconded by T. Thisse (Martinsburg) to accept the report as presented. All were in favor. The proposed dues structure through 2030 was also presented for review by members (see attached).

Election of Officers: Slate of Officers: Roger Tibbetts, Chairman
Doug Dietrich, Vice Chairman
Carla Bauer, Secretary
Stephen Bernat, Director
Ian Klingbail, Director
Paulette Walker, Director
Fran Yerdon, Director

The Slate of Officers was presented as above. There were no nominations from the floor after three requests. A motion was made by E. Hayes (West Turin) and seconded by T. Thisse

(Martinsburg) to close the polls and have the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers as presented. All were in favor.

Speaker: Casandra Buell, Lewis County's Director of Planning and Community Development, was the speaker for the evening. She introduced Tim Hunt, the new County Manager and John Reed, the new County Highway Superintendent. She talked about several planning and community development projects they are working on. These include a broadband expansion using fixed wireless towers and some fiber optic areas; work on abatement of hazards and renovations at the old Lyons Falls school for resale; the shared services website and IT project; work on their hazard mitigation plan and a county-wide complete streets program including coordinating infrastructure projects with partners; a reuse study for the West Leyden elementary school and planning work such as comp plans, zoning amendments, battery storage and short-term rentals work (see attached documents and more detailed notes of the presentation). Tim Hunt also spoke briefly, thanked the local officials for serving and talked about the importance of filling municipal positions and working together.

Old Business: a) **Cooperative ZBAs** – A. Kimball (CR) reported that the Cooperative ZBA has successfully been split into two boards and the IMAs for both have been approved. She will be meeting with the boards to adopt bylaws and officers so they can start operating this summer.

b) **Any other old business** – None

New Business: a) **Proposed Work Goals for 2025-** The proposed work goals for 2025 were presented, with some minor changes from the 2024 goals (see attached). A motion was made by J. Ayotte (Osceola) and seconded by N. Paradis (Worth) to approve the goals as presented. All were in favor.

b) **Introduce New Associate Circuit Rider** – Denali Dietrich, our new Associate Circuit Rider was introduced to attendees.

Any other new business - None

Tug Hill Commission topics: M. Johnson (THC) reported on the following subjects:

a) **Local Government Conference** – Things have just wrapped up from the conference. They had 664 attendees, the best attendance since Covid. Most of the presentations are available on the Tug Hill website. The surveys were very positive, and planning has started for 2026 already.

b) **Tug Hill Commission Board** – They have elected the first female chairperson, Gerry Ritter. Bill Scriber has been elected as vice chairman. They have one more person whose name has been submitted who is waiting for appointment and once that person is appointed, they will be down to one vacancy.

c) **Strategic Plan** – The Commissioners just recently adopted the new five-year strategic plan, and it is available now on the Tug Hill website. It is in a new matrix format, check it out.

Planning Updates – They have been working with the county planning departments quite a lot. Zoning work is going on in Rodman, T/V of Turin, West Turin, and a first-time zoning law in Williamstown; and they are working on a comp plan in Rodman and Martinsburg is also working on a comp plan update. The mini comp plans have been adopted by

most of the towns and villages, and they are being posted on the CTHC website. He also mentioned that is anyone needed training for their planning or zoning boards to reach out to the planning department.

Supervisor's and Mayor's Topics: A question was asked about 480a and if there was any update on changes to the municipal reimbursement aspect and it was reported that things are moving slowly with changes that have been proposed.

J. Ayotte (Osceola) asked a question about adding some assessment standards to the CTHC goals. There was a discussion about what he felt the issue was and what the CTHC could accomplish in this arena. The executive committee will discuss the matter further and see what if anything the council could do to effect changes at the state level.

With no other business before the Council, a motion was made at 8:38 pm by D. Dietrich (Martinsburg) and seconded by F. Yerdon (Osceola) to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.