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Executive Committee

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CTHC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 3/2/2026

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the weather. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Roger Tibbetts. Also present for the meeting were Doug Dietrich, Vice Chairman; Carla Bauer, Secretary; Steve Bernat, Director; Paulette Walker, Director; Fran Yerdon, I. Klingbail, Director; Director; Angie Kimball, Circuit Rider and Matt Johnson, Tug Hill Commission Planning Director.

Minutes: The minutes of November 25, 2025 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed by the Committee. A motion was made by F. Yerdon (Osceola) and seconded by C. Bauer (Redfield) to accept the minutes. All were in favor (see attached minutes).

Reports: A) Financial Report – Chairman R. Tibbetts (Rodman) presented the year-end financial report as of December 31, 2025. Year-to-Date Carry Over - \$30,768.68; Receipts to date - \$13,892.44; Distributions to Date - \$17,920.16; Net Funds Available - \$26,740.96. The proposed dues structure going forward, and the year-end circuit rider comparison were reviewed as well. A motion was made by S. Bernat (Harrisburg) and seconded by C. Bauer (Redfield) to accept the reports as presented. All were in favor (see attached report). (see attached).

B) Reports of Towns – A. Kimball (CR) presented the report of the Towns and reviewed the pertinent information for each (see attached reports). A motion was made by F. Yerdon (Osceola) and seconded by P. Walker (Boylston) to accept the report as presented. All were in favor (see attached report).

Tug Hill Topics: A) Local Government Conference reminder: M. Johnson talked about the 4/20 "Planning for Growth" half day session. This will feature Bill Fulton, folks from the town of Clay, some folks talking about housing and some folks from Saratoga County. The full day session will be 4/21.

B) Budgeting Class with Laird Petrie: This is scheduled for June 18-19th at the Tailwater Lodge in Albion.

C) SuperCOG meeting: The possibility of holding a SuperCOG meeting this fall was discussed. The Committee felt that this might be a good year to have this meeting as it has been several years. The proposed timeframe is September, which the committee members felt was a good time of year, and they felt an evening meeting would be better.

D) Two Page Summaries of papers: The commission staff are working on making short summaries of their technical and issue papers, stay tuned for these.

E) Planning Updates: Zoning updates are ongoing in Leyden (solar and BESS), Lewis (wind), Rodman (renewables) and Rodman is wrapping up their new comprehensive plan process. All the CTHC mini plans have been uploaded to the CTHC website. He and the planning staff are available anytime for training.

F) Other Topics: -Matt also reported that growth in the COGs continues. Sandy Creek has sent a request to join Salmon Rivers COG and Black River is looking to join RACOG. The Commission needs more money for more staff, so they will be talking to legislators, and hope the COGs will talk to them as well.

-The Commission is also working on a history session to highlight the region for the 250th anniversary of the country. They are working with Halfshire Historical Society and thinking about highlighting a Revolutionary War Veteran from each of the Tug Hill counties.

Old Business: A) COG Chairs – 2026 Priorities: The committee discussed the COG priorities for 2026 for R. Tibbetts to present at the meeting of the five COG Chairs (see attached sheet).

B) Any other old business: None

New Business: A) Spring Meeting – A. Kimball (CR) reported that Tim Fargo was available 4/30 at either Timberview or Glenfield FD, with an expected price of \$22/23 per plate (before tip) depending on selections (not prime rib). The Tug Hill Hideaway was available 4/30 at \$19/per plate (before tip). She had not heard back yet from Steak and Brew or Florence Hotel. The committee decided to go with Tug Hill Hideaway, and A. Kimball will send menu around for the committee to make dinner selections. Proposed speakers were possibly DEC to talk about the wetland's regulations and 480a.

B) Associate Search for 2026 – Denali will be going out of town for a new four-year college this fall and not be in the area, so she will need to be replaced. We will start with word of mouth to find a new person.

C) Bylaws-IMA updates – A. Kimball (CR) presented some proposed changes to the IMA, which needs to be renewed by the end of the year (see attached). Changes include clarifying the language for the fiscal agent and adding a records management agent, which was discussed in the past, but never officially done. She also presented some proposed changes to the bylaws and executive committee guidelines to make things match each other, correct grammar issues and accommodate the new language in the proposed IMA (see attached).

D) Election of Officers - All the current executive committee officers have agreed to run for election again in 2026.

E) 2026 Goals – The goals from 2025 were reviewed and the committee approved to present these as the goals for 2026 with no changes (see attached sheet).

F) Any Other New Business – F. Yerdon (Osceola) discussed that Lewis County seems to be getting more involved in planning work with the towns. They are pushing to do more comp plans, and he has concerns that they will be moving to a more top-down approach rather than utilizing community viewpoints. M. Johnson (THC) talked about the county's recent work with the towns and villages and the trends in how they operate.

With no more business before the committee a motion was made by F. Yerdon (Osceola) and seconded by C. Bauer (Redfield) to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. All were in favor.