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Gerard Fitzpatrick, Chairman

STERA Executive Committee Meeting July 24, 2006

Minutes

Present: John Margeson (Chairman, presiding), Joseph Eade, James Griffin

Others Present: Dennis Tobolski (Cattaraugus County Attorney)

Staff: Thomas Barnes

The STERA Executive Committee met by telephone conference call at 9:30 AM on July 24, 2006.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Margeson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Mr. Margeson noted that inasmuch as Southern Tier West was experiencing continuing problems with its email capacity, communication with STERA Board members had been difficult. Accordingly, it was unclear whether there would be a quorum for a called July 24, 2006 STERA Board meeting, so STERA decided to cancel the planned July 24, 2006 Board meeting and hold a telephone Executive Committee meeting on July 24, 2006 in order to do business.

2. Randolph Foundry Brownfield Remediation Project

Mr. Tobolski provided an overview of the history of the project.

Mr. Griffin suggested doing a title search to determine whether there is a lease on the portion of the STERA property on which a portion of the Randolph foundry building was located, that would outline the rights and relationships of the parties. He suggested that perhaps such a lease might provide that the title owner can tell the building owner, whose building is encroaching on the railroad property, to get building off the owner's property within 90 days.

The Executive Committee adopted a resolution to get a title search of the relevant property (Eade, Griffin, passing unanimously).

3. Construction Funding Administrative Expenses

Mr. Griffin recalled the recent approval of a resolution to pay Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board 2% of the state and federal construction rehabilitation funding contract awards for its administrative services, and asked whether these various contracts for construction rehabilitation funding limited administrative expenses to 2%, or whether they were the more standard 5%, which would give STERA additional administrative expense funding. Mr. Barnes indicated that he would research the matter.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM (Eade, Griffin, passing unanimously).