

**Minutes of Meeting
North Shore Council of Governments
Friday, October 11, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

Attending:

Constantia; Richard Colesante, Tom Moran

NorCOG staff; Paul M. Baxter

Tug Hill Commission: Katie Malinowski

Excused:

West Monroe: Vern Sundet

Meeting commenced at 3:20 p.m.

Tug Hill Executive Director Katie Malinowski reported on the commission's strategic plan for 2020-2024, and reviewed its key elements

Richard Colesante asked Katie for an update on the status of wind energy in the Tug Hill region.

Katie provided an update, and referred to the recent Tug Hill landowners and residents survey, which showed a drop in support for wind and solar energy generally. She went on to review the results of the survey overall.

The status of the process to add a contractor to assist the NorCOG circuit rider in meeting coverage was discussed.

Minutes of the May 29, 2019 minutes were introduced for member review.

On the subject of area state Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and legislation for equitable treatment of those in the Oswego County portion of the Tug Hill region compared to those in other parts of the state, bills have been introduced but there has been no action beyond that at this point.

Regarding minimum maintenance roads and legislation in support of those, there has been follow-up to that proposed state legislation, including meetings with key legislators. A Comptroller's analysis of the bill is expected by January 2020. If it is not possible to pass a bill which applies statewide, it may be possible to get a bill passed specific to the Tug Hill region, but statewide would be preferable.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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