

**Minutes of the
County of Clinton
Industrial Development Agency
November 14, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Trent Trahan, Chairperson, at 12:02 p.m. at the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) office located at 137 Margaret Street, Suite 208, Plattsburgh, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trent Trahan, Chairperson
David Hoover, Vice Chairperson
Keith Defayette, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
Michael Zurlo, Secretary
Joey Trombley, Member
John VanNatten, Member

ABSENT: Mark Leta, Assistant Secretary

STAFF PRESENT: Molly Ryan, Executive Director
Toni Moffat, Executive Assistant
Dorothy Brunell, Administrative Assistant
Christopher Canada, Esq., Agency Counsel (via GoToMeeting)
Shannon Wagner, Esq., Agency Counsel (via GoToMeeting)

T. Trahan stated there was a quorum present.

T. Trahan waived the reading of the notice of the meeting published in the Press Republican on December 16, 2021.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 12, 2022 Meeting

T. Trahan asked if there were any questions regarding the draft minutes of the October 12, 2022 meeting of the CCIDA. There were none.

On a motion by D. Hoover, and seconded by J. Trombley, it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2022 meeting of the CCIDA.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

CCIDA Board Member Recognition

On behalf of the CCIDA Board, Chairman Trahan extended congratulations to M. Zurlo on his recent election as President of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC). M. Zurlo thanked the Board for their congratulations.

Reports

K. Defayette reviewed the October 2022 Treasurer's Report with the Board. There were no questions or concerns.

On a motion by J. VanNatten, and seconded by D. Hoover, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the October 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented by K. Defayette.

Old Business

CCIDA Strategic Planning Session Update

M. Ryan advised that Michael N'dolo, Director of Economic Development - MRB Group, will facilitate the CCIDA's strategic planning session scheduled for January 9, 2023. M. N'dolo has indicated to M. Ryan that he would like to have a telephone call with Chairperson Trahan to hear his ideas and objectives for the strategic planning session.

M. Ryan asked the Board if there were other individuals they would like to invite to participate in this planning session, i.e., members of the County Legislature, Clinton County Board of Realtors, local manufacturing companies, etc. It was decided it would be most efficient if M. Ryan worked with M. N'dolo to develop a questionnaire to send to agency stakeholders to obtain their input regarding what they think might be beneficial for discussion at the strategic planning session.

It was decided that the regular January 2023 CCIDA Board Meeting would also be held on January 9, 2023. A Public Notice will be published in *The Press Republican*, posted on the CCIDA website and posted on the bulletin board at the Government Center notifying the public of the time and location of the January CCIDA Board Meeting.

New Business

Hodgson Russ, LLP Invoice for Legal Services Rendered

M. Ryan advised that we received an invoice from Hodgson Russ, LLP for legal services rendered in the amount of \$20,000 and requested approval for payment of the invoice.

On a motion made by M. Zurlo, and seconded by D. Hoover, it was unanimously carried to pay the Hodgson Russ invoice.

Management Team Report

Executive Director's Report

TDC

M. Ryan advised that TDC would like to increase their sales tax exemption on their latest project due to increased costs. They anticipate providing the CCIDA with the final numbers associated with their request in time for the Board's consideration at the December 2022 meeting. C. Canada advised that if the increase requested is in excess of \$100,000 dollars, a public hearing will be required.

AES/Noble

M. Ryan advised that AES is continuing their work with New York State and the towns of Ellenburg, Clinton and Altona regarding their plans to upgrade and repower their existing wind farms. M. Ryan has a call scheduled with AES on November 28th and will obtain further details regarding their plans. M. Zurlo asked M. Ryan to advise AES of the importance of all parties negotiating within the same timetable. Public hearings have been scheduled by AES which M. Ryan will plan to attend as an observer on behalf of the CCIDA.

ERS

C. Canada and M. Ryan recently had a telephone call with A. Staulcup, Esq., of ERS. M. Ryan indicated that it is apparent the Village of Rouses Point still has some concerns with the ERS Project. It was suggested that C. Canada contact A. Staulcup again to discuss potential ways ERS might alleviate the Village of Rouses Point's concerns regarding ERS.

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by M. Zurlo, and seconded by K. Defayette, the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.



Trent Trahan, Chairperson