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**SENECA COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

MEETING MINUTES

October 29, 2010
12:00 p.m.
Heroes Conference Room
Seneca County Building, 2nd Floor
Waterloo, New York

Attendance:

Members Present: Thomas Macinski, Chairman; Thomas Kime, and David Kaiser

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Robert Aronson, Executive Director; Patricia Jones, Deputy Director; Kelly Kline, Executive Assistant; Bruce Johnson, CFO and Russell Gaenzle, Harris Beach

Others Attending: Peter Brown, Seneca County Grant Writer; Steve Absolom, US Army Commanders Representative; Tina Reeves and Mike Toombs, SCCA and Kenneth Smith, NY State Police Accident Investigator and Dave Shaw, Finger Lakes Times

Call to Order:

Chairman Macinski called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. A quorum of the Corporation's members were present.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2010 and August 5, 2010

The minutes of the Corporation's regular meeting of July 1, 2010 and August 5, 2010 had been sent to Corporation members prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Kaiser. Seconded by Mr. Kime. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Statements through September 2010:

The Financial Statements through September 2010 had been forwarded to Corporation members prior to the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kaiser approving the financial statements. Seconded by Mr. Kime. Motion carried.

Approval of 2011 EDC Budget and Posting to PARIS:

The copy of the proposed 2011 EDC Budget was sent to members prior to the meeting. Mr. Aronson advised the board that to be in compliance with PAAA the proposed budget will need to be posted to PARIS by November 1, 2010. Mr. Macinski advised corporation members that the Audit Committee had met prior to the meeting and is recommending approval of 2011 EDC Budget and posting to PARIS. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kaiser to accept the proposed 2011 EDC Budget and recommend approval to full EDC Board for posting to PARIS. Seconded by Mr. Kime. Motion carried.

Main Street Close-Out Report:

Mr. Brown provided corporation members a written report on the progress of the Seneca Falls Main Street Program. He informed Corporation Members that eight out of eight building renovation projects are completed and seven out of seven façade projects are completed. To date \$185,351.42 in reimbursements have been requested, received and distributed, which is 93% of the Grant Funds. The balance of the grant, \$14,648.59 has been requested and he anticipates receipt of funds from the NY Main Street program around Thanksgiving, 2010. There is one outstanding contract with Sinicropi Florist. They have completed their Awning project and are awaiting final reimbursement. Once funds are received from NYMS, Sinicropi Florist will be reimbursed and the contract will be closed out. The Main Street Grant is scheduled to terminate on October 31, 2010, and all reimbursements paid out by November 30, 2010. Committee members thanked Mr. Brown for his work and all agreed that the project was a huge success.

Approval to Accept Grant W518 for Hillside:

Ms. Jones advised corporation members that staff has been notified by Empire State Development that the \$500,000 grant for Hillside Improvements has been approved for funding and that a motion is needed for the EDC to accept Grant W518 and authorize the Executive Director to execute all documentation. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kime approving Grant W518 and authorizing the Executive Director to execute all documentation. Seconded by Mr. Kaiser. Members Kime, Macinski and Kaiser voted "yea". Motion carried.

SCCA Request for use of Depot Airfield:

Mr. Aronson stated that in March of 2010 the EDC board agreed that the year 2010 would be the last year for groups, other than local law enforcement agencies, to use the airfield due to the redevelopment initiative for depot conservation. However, since that time the EDC has received numerous concerns that there would be a loss of revenue to Seneca County from the participants involved in the SCCA events, such as purchase of fuel, meals, lodging etc. In this regard, Tina Reeves and Mike Toombs spoke on behalf of the SCCA requesting to continue to use the airfield for the upcoming year. Ms. Reeves stated that as many as 300 people participate in these weekend events annually. Sixty nine percent of the attendees spend between \$100 - \$600 and twenty two percent spend between \$601 - \$2,000 in the County.

Mr. Aronson noted that there are some concerns with the condition of the airfield runway, in that, the seam sealant is being damaged. SCCA representatives admitted their use has likely contributed to the damage. It was agreed that staff would have engineers advise the scope of the repairs needed along with a preliminary cost estimate, and the matter would be discussed again at the next meeting.

Approval to use Raymond F. Wager, CPA, PC for 2010 EDC Audit:

Mr. Aronson advised corporation members that the EDC Audit Committee met prior to the meeting and is recommending approval to use Raymond F. Wager, CPA, PC for the 2010 EDC Audit with a change of lead auditor. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kaiser approving the use of Raymond F. Wager, CPA, PC for the 2010 EDC Audit with a change of lead auditor. Seconded by Mr. Kime. Motion carried.

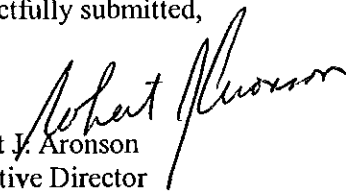
Executive Session:

Chairman Macinski requested a motion to enter into Executive Session for discussion on the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property, where publicity could substantially affect the value thereof. A motion was made by Mr. Kime at 12:45 p.m. to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Kime. Motion carried. A motion was made by at Mr. Kime at 1:29 p.m. to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Kaiser. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Kime and seconded by Mr. Kaiser. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert J. Aronson
Executive Director

xc: Shawn Griffin, Harris Beach
Russell Gaenzle, Harris Beach
Kevin Overton, Harris Beach
Roberta Jordans, Harris Beach