

**SENECA COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2009
12:00 Noon
Abigails Restaurant
Waterloo, New York

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Thomas Kime, Chairman; Robert Rosenkrans; David M. Kaiser; Fred Gaffney; Kenneth Riemer; and Kenneth Lee Patchen, Jr.; Thomas Macinski

Board Members Absent: Robert Kernan

Staff Attending: Robert Aronson, Executive Director; Patricia Jones, Deputy Director; Monica Novack, Office Manager; Kelly Kline, Receptionist/Office Assistant; Russell Gaenzle, Harris Beach.

Others Attending: Mitch Rowe, Planning and Community Development Director; Mike Coia, Empire Bio Fuels; Mark Peterson, GRE Interim Director; Matt Hurlbut, GRE; Dave Shaw, Finger Lakes Times

Call to Order:

Chairman Kime called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum of the Agency's members were present.

Approval of IDA Minutes / Meeting of February 5, 2009:

The minutes of the Agency's annual meeting of February 5, 2009 had been sent to Board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Patchen to approve the February 5, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Macinski. Motion carried.

Approval of January 2009 Financial Statements:

The January 2009 financial statements had been mailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Aronson reported that auditors are making good progress in reflecting PIFs on the financial statements, that steps were taken to protect Agency funds by taking full advantage of temporary FDIC coverage, and that the audit committee will be meeting on March 30, 2009 to review the

annual audit results and other matters. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rosenkrans to approve the January 2009 financial statements. Seconded by Mr. Macinski. Motion carried.

GRE Presentation:

Mark Peterson, Interim Director of GRE gave a presentation how they support business attraction and expansion, as well as entrepreneurship and innovation in the nine-county area which includes Seneca County. They also collaborate with companies, not for profit organizations and government leaders to deliver a unified approach to regional development. Mr. Peterson also noted that Seneca County has strong future potential, especially because it has natural resources such as fresh water. To this, Mr. Rosenkrans added that natural gas is another one of the natural resources available in Seneca County. Both of these things are a positive to potential developers. He also stated that some other competitive advantages to Seneca County are a highly skilled workforce that will work for competitive wages. Mr. Peterson noted that the former Seneca Army Depot is a huge asset, and that it is one of the few mega-sites in the northeast U.S. available for development.

Discussion on Infrastructure Study at Depot:

This agenda item was moved forward so that GRE representatives could participate. Mr. Aronson reported that the EDA has expressed an interest to help fund an infrastructure study covering infrastructure needs at the Depot. Mr. Peterson will work with staff to help specify what site selection prospects need to know about plans for infrastructure at the Depot, especially electric power.

Approval of IDA Resolution No 2009-11 / Sales Tax Exemption/Goulds ITT:

Mr. Gaenzle presented to the Board IDA Resolution No. 2009-11. Mr. Gaenzle advised the Board that Resolution No. 2009-11 provides Goulds Pumps / ITT with a sales tax exemption for equipment and installation. Mr. Gaenzle then presented Resolution No. 2009-11 as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE SENECA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE BILL OF SALE AND
RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE GOULDS PUMPS,
INCORPORATED / ITT CORPORATION PROJECT

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Kaiser to approve IDA Resolution No 2009-11/ Sales Tax Exemption/Goulds ITT. Seconded by Mr. Patchen. Messrs. Kime, Rosenkrans, Patchen, Kaiser, Riemer, Macinski and Gaffney voted "yea". Motion carried. Mr. Kernan was absent.

SEQR Determination for Depot Demolition Project:

Mr. Aronson advised the Board that in order to move the potential for stimulus funding forward, a SEQR Determination for demolition must be approved. The SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form Parts I and II, which were mailed to the board prior to the meeting states that the project will not result in a physical change to the project site (Question 1); will not have any effect to any unique or unusual land forms found on the site (Question 2); will not effect any

water body designated as protected (Question 3); will not affect any non-protected existing or new body of water (Question 4); will not affect surface or groundwater quality or quantity (Question 5); will not alter drainage flow or patterns, or surface water runoff (Question 6); will not affect air quality (Question 7); will not affect any threatened or endangered species (Question 8); will not substantially affect non-threatened or non-endangered species (Question 9); will not affect agricultural land resources (Question 10); will not affect aesthetic resources (Question 11); will not impact any site or structure of historic, prehistoric or paleontological importance (Question 12); will not affect the quantity or quality of existing or future open spaces or recreational opportunities (Question 13); will not impact the exceptional or unique characteristics of a critical environmental area established pursuant to subdivision 6NYCRR617.14(g) (Question 14); will not be an effect to existing transportation systems (Question 15); will not affect the community's sources of fuel or energy supply (Question 16); will not produce any objectionable odors, noise, or vibration as a result of the proposed action (Question 17); will not affect public health and safety (Question 18); will not affect the character of the existing community (Question 19); and there is not likely to be public controversy related to potential adverse environmental impacts. It is the recommendation that the project will not result in any large and important impacts, and therefore, is one which will NOT have a significant impact on the environment; therefore, a negative declaration is approved.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rosenkrans to approve SEQR Determination of No Significance for Depot Demolition Project. Seconded by Mr. Macinski. Messrs. Kime, Rosenkrans, Patchen, Kaiser, Riemer, Macinski and Gaffney voted "yea". Motion carried. Mr. Kernan was absent.

Approval of IDA Resolution No 2009-12/Resolution Approving Procurement and Investment Policies:

Mr. Kime presented to the board Resolution No. 2009-12. He advised that the Governance Committee has reviewed these policies along with Legal Counsel and made the necessary changes. He then presented the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE SENECA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY APPROVING CERTAIN POLICIES REQUIRED UNDER NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Macinski to approve IDA Resolution No. 2009-12 / Resolution Approving Procurement and Investment Policies. Seconded by Mr. Rosenkrans. Messrs. Kime, Rosenkrans, Patchen, Kaiser, Riemer, Macinski and Gaffney voted "yea". Motion carried. Mr. Kernan was absent.

Other Business:

Mr. Aronson advised the Board that Seneca White Deer was given approval by the EDC to proceed with bus tours of the Seneca Army Depot, and a license has been signed for tours on the three weekends following the Easter holiday. Mr. Kaiser questioned how they will be determining the routing of the tours. Mr. Aronson advised they will be given access for training and routing purposes.

Mr. Aronson advised the Board on the activities that have been ongoing to oppose the Hoyt legislation, and promote civic facilities legislation.

Mr. Rowe gave an update to the board regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He informed the board that there is a website set up where they are able to see where the money is being allocated throughout the State, and how organizations are able to submit proposals for funding.

Consideration of Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Patchen. Seconded by Mr. Macinski. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on **April 2, 2009 at 12:00 Noon** at Abigails Restaurant, Routes 5 & 20, Waterloo, NY.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenneth Lee Patchen, Jr.
Secretary

pc: Suzanne Sinclair, Seneca County Manager
Margaret Li, Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Russell Gaenzle, Esq, Harris Beach
Roberta Jordans, Harris Beach
Shawn Griffin, Esq., Harris Beach
Kevin Overton, Esq., Harris Beach