

SENECA COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 2011
12:00 Noon
Abigails Restaurant
Waterloo, New York

Attendance:

Board Members Present: Thomas Kime, Chairman; Thomas Macinski; Robert Rosenkrans; Kenneth Riemer; Patricia Amidon; Michael Hryzak and Steve Brusso

Board Members Absent: Robert Kernan

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

Others Attending: Suzanne Sinclair, County Manager and David Shaw, Finger Lakes Times

Call to Order:

Chairman Kime called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. A quorum of the Agency's members were present.

Approval of IDA Minutes / Meeting of March 28, 2011:

The minutes of the Agency's meeting of March 28, 2011 had been sent to Board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Rosenkrans to approve the March 28, 2011 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Macinski. Motion carried.

Approval of February and March 2011 Financial Statements:

The February and March 2011 Financial Statements had been mailed to Board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Johnson presented the February and March 2011 Financial Statements to the board. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rosenkrans to approve the February and March 2011 Financial Statements. Seconded by Mr. Brusso. Motion carried.

Approval of 2011 FAME Support:

Finger Lakes Advanced Manufactures' Enterprise (FAME) promotes the development of qualified candidates to address the difficulties being faced by local manufacturers to fill the pipeline of new employees. Mr. Aronson advised the board that in November 2008 FAME requested funding from local agencies to fund its expanding budget. At that time the IDA board pledged \$10,000 per year, renewable

for three years with a report to be submitted annually. The report was mailed to board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Aronson presented the board with a brief update on the progress FAME is making. FAME is continuing to work with Finger Lakes Community College to develop new degree programs and class offering for technology students. Also, in the transition from free to fee membership, they have yielded 42 paying members of FAME over the course of 2010. Mr. Aronson advised the Board that this is the Final Year of the IDA's commitment. After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Amidon to fund the IDA pledge for 2011. Seconded by Mr. Reimer. Motion carried.

Loan Status Report:

The Loan Status report had been provided to Board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Aronson summarized the loan status report.

Grant Status Report:

The Grant Status Report had been provided to Board Members prior to the meeting. Ms. Jones then summarized the Grant Status report for the Board. Finger Lakes Rail has received grant funds from NYS DOT for Railroad Track upgrades between Geneva and the Former Seneca Army Depot. At the request of Chairman Kime, IDA staff was directed to schedule a Finger Lakes Rail representative to attend a future IDA Board Meeting to give a presentation/update on their progress.

Approval of IDA Resolution No. 2011-10 / Intent to be Lead Agency for SEQR / Depot Timber Harvesting:

Ms. Jones advised the Board that IDA Resolution No. 2011-10 is needed to start the SEQR process for the proposed Timber Harvesting at the Former Seneca Army Depot. As discussed, the timber harvest is focused on promoting future growth and regeneration while increasing habitat and forage for the deer population on the property. There is currently an ash borer infestation now in adjacent counties and removal is the only way to gain control. The first phase of the harvest is winding down, and a new area of ash trees has been identified. Mr. Reimer has been overseeing the harvest and on a recent visit to the site in April, he was very pleased with how things are progressing. He stated they are doing an excellent job and the onsite staff was very knowledgeable and he is very pleased with the operation. Ms. Jones then stated that today's resolution is to declare the IDA's intent to become Lead Agency for the Timber Harvest at the former depot. Mr. Gaenzle presented IDA Resolution No. 2011-10 as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE SENECA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER THE NEW YORK
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT WITH RESPECT TO
A CERTAIN TIMBER HARVESTING PROJECT AT THE FORMER
SENECA ARMY DEPOT**

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Macinski accepting IDA Resolution No. 2011-10 Seconded by Mr. Rosenkrans. Members Kime, Macinski, Amidon, Hryzak, Reimer, Rosenkrans and Brusso, voted "yea". Motion carried. Mr. Kernan was absent.

Other Business:

IDA Assessment Tax:

Mr. Aronson advised Board members that the IDA Assessment Tax was repealed on March 29, 2011 and we were able to receive our check back before it was processed.

Gharana

Mr. Aronson gave the Board an update of the status of Gharana Industries, LLC. They have experienced some unexpected delays, but are now at a point where production of cheese may start in June.

Executive Session:

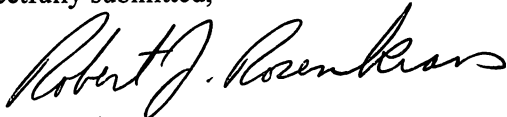
Chairman Kime requested a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of potential sale or lease of real estate where publicity could substantially affect the value thereof.. A motion was made by Mr. Macinski at 12:31 p.m. to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Brusso. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Rosenkrans at 1:27 p.m. to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mrs. Amidon. Motion carried

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Macinski. Seconded by Mr. Brusso. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on **June 2, 2011, 12:00 Noon at Abigails Restaurant, Waterloo NY.**

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Rosenkrans
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