

**Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency
Regular Meeting
Remote due to COVID-19
June 16, 2020 at 4:00pm**

Chairman Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:00pm, noting that a quorum was present.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Ray Lockwood, Herb Marshall, John Latanyshyn, Andrew Rindfleisch, Paul Lattimore, Gina Speno, Ben Vitale

Excused:

Others Present: Tracy Verrier, Samantha Frugé (CEDA); Rick Galbato (Galbato Law Firm); Kevin Ellis, Keven Buckland, John McCadden (Cayuga Milk Ingredients); Bob Foxen (Global Common Energy); Timothy Lattimore (County Legislator)

MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Marshall moved to approve the minutes of the May 19th Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Rindfleisch. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.

Mr. Lockwood said that they would be moving New Business up the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorizing Resolution: Cayuga Milk Ingredients: Mr. Marshall motioned to approve the authorizing resolution, seconded by Mr. Rindfleisch. Mr. Marshall noted that going forward, he would like to see more jobs created for the level of incentive the project had requested. Ms. Verrier provided an overview of the project and benefits, noting that the project budget was \$27,507,765 with a sales and use benefit of \$270,873. The project would create 1 new job and would include a small building expansion to house a new evaporator, finisher, and silo as well as additional equipment.

Mr. Lockwood requested a roll call vote, which was recorded as follows:

NAME	Yes	Nay	Absent	Abstain
BEN VITALE	X			
JOHN LATANYSHYN	X			
PAUL LATTIMORE	X			
RAYMOND LOCKWOOD	X			
HERB MARSHALL	X			
ANDREW RINDFLEISCH	X			
GINA SPENO	X			

The motion carried. Ms. Frugé noted that there was a correction needed to page 3 of the resolution where it had the wrong county listed. She advised she would make the correction. Mr. Ellis, in reply to Mr. Marshall's concerns, said that they planned on coming back to the Board with a new project soon that would be creating more jobs.

Authorizing Resolution: Global Common Energy: Ms. Verrier provided an overview of the project and requested benefit, noting that the project was a renewable natural gas project located on Spruce Haven Farms that would be equipping and constructing an anaerobic digestion

processing and renewable gas collection system. The project cost was \$8,272,069 and would create two jobs for operation and maintenance. The project was requesting a sales and use exemption of \$240,654 and a mortgage recording exemption for \$49,632 for a total of \$290,286 in benefits. There was a public hearing for this project the day prior, at which two public comments were read and discussed. The first comment was from Stanley Hoskins who was concerned about how digesters were not necessarily financially feasible without incentives and should not be benefitting from tax payer dollars. The other written comment was from Joan Panek who was concerned about the low level of job creation, environmental impacts, and infrastructure in the project area. During the meeting there were conversations addressing these concerns that noted digesters were not financially viable without incentives, however there were programs in place to help renewable projects become more feasible. The project would also help Spruce Haven Farms become more diverse in its revenue stream and provide for their long-term sustainability as an operation while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. Foxen said that State and local incentives were important for projects of this nature, and that there had been at least 6 RNG projects that have become operational within the last 6 months in NYS. There were also several underway within Cayuga County. He said that it would help the dairy industry for this recent RNG trend to continue, as well as the environment with a reduction of greenhouse gasses. Mr. Latanyshyn asked if there was an agency fee for the project? Ms. Verrier said that there was. Mr. Marshall asked if the two jobs to be created were full-time and paid for by the developer? Mr. Foxen said that they would be full-time and paid by the developer. Mr. Lockwood asked if there was further discussion? The Board had none.

Mr. Rindfleisch motioned to approve the authorizing resolution, seconded by Ms. Speno. Mr. Lockwood requested a roll call vote, which was recorded as follows:

NAME	Yes	Nay	Absent	Abstain
BEN VITALE	X			
JOHN LATANYSHYN	X			
PAUL LATTIMORE	X			
RAYMOND LOCKWOOD	X			
HERB MARSHALL	X			
ANDREW RINDFLEISCH	X			
GINA SPENO	X			

The motion carried.

Project Introduction- NextEra Energy: Ms. Verrier discussed a new solar development project that was in the process of putting together an application, noting it would be a while before their application was presented because they had due diligence and other processes to complete before then. The project wanted to get the conversation started and requested any feedback or questions from the Board as they will be calling into the next meeting. The project was larger than other projects the IDA has worked with and would be under Article 10 due to the size. The project was for 200 megawatts of solar energy plus storage. They provided a list of properties they currently leased, however they won't necessarily use all of that property. The project was currently involved with community impact studies and getting public feedback. They would likely be closer to the end of the Article 10 process before any application comes before the Board. Mr. Marshall said that he had spoken with a local property owner with two parcels the same developer has a lease on located in different towns than the project was considering. He asked if the project could clarify if they would be using all of that land or just what was presented in the

information packet provided to the Board? Ms. Verrier said that she believed the current project was only for the parcels in the packet, but added that she would ask the developer to come prepared to answer that question at the July meeting. Mr. Marshall noted that it could complicate the project if it was in three different towns instead of one. He asked if they were working with the Town Board in Conquest? Ms. Verrier said that they had started those conversations with the Town Board.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Frugé presented the following bill: NYSEG for electric at the Industrial Park (\$132.78) Mr. Marshall moved to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Latanyshyn. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Ms. Frugé reviewed the budget report, noting interest accrued from investments and savings accounts totaling \$438.62. She said that they also billed for the Inns of Aurora spa project in the amount of \$10,000. She added that they received a credit from the Citizen for over-paying on late fees due to an oddity in the billing cycle. Mr. Latanyshyn asked if they moved the savings accounts yet? Ms. Frugé said that it was on her list to do this coming up week. Mr. Latanyshyn moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mr. Speno. All members present voted in favor; the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CEDA Staff Update: Ms. Verrier provided an update on the COVID-19 grant through the City of Auburn, noting they received over 70 applications that were in review currently. The emergency micro-loan was still available for businesses who may have use of it when they are in the process of re-opening. There were a few project leads regarding economic development and building expansions that the CEDA team was following up on. There was a lot of activity for solar projects and they received one new application for a project in Union Springs that they were working with to decide on their best options. Duke Energy Renewables were still in the process of considering their options and Ms. Verrier had a conversation with them regarding the amount of the PILOT payment. They would like the Board to consider their host payment agreement with the Town as an offsetting expense to the PILOT schedule. 2 State Street is reopen, but with limited staff on site. Other staff were working remotely.

Board Updates: Mr. Lockwood said that he received a call from a property owner who had 160 acres of developable land on the edge of Union Springs. He was curious if the IDA or some company may be interested in developing that land, which had utilities and internet connections. Mr. Marshall asked if it was near the village? Mr. Lockwood said that it bordered the village.

Upcoming Events: Ms. Verrier reviewed upcoming events.

Motion to adjourn at 4:33pm by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Rindfleisch. All members present voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Frugé

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, July 21st, 2020 @ 4pm