

Allegany County Industrial Development Agency

March 10, 2022

Crossroads Conference Center, Belmont, New York 14813

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OPENING REMARKS

Vice Chairman Hopkins called the meeting to order, in person, at 10:02 A.M., stating there were four members presents, listed below.

- Present: Judith Hopkins, Randy Shayler, Ward “Skip” Wilday and John Ricci.
- Absent: R. Ewell and Douglas Frank.
- Present by Telephone: None.
- Others present: Dr. Craig Clark, IDA Executive Director & Pam Common, Recording Secretary.

Live streaming on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8i2xZ8wnORc>

MINUTES

- **Minutes of the IDA Board Meeting of 02-10-2022-** A motion was made by R. Shayler and seconded by J. Ricci, to approve the February 10, 2022 IDA Board minutes. There was no discussion. All members present were in favor of the approval of the minutes, by a vote of 4-0, with no opposition.

TREASURER’S REPORT

- **Abstract- March, 2022-** A motion was made by S. Wilday and seconded by R. Shayler, to approve the March, 2022 Abstract report. There was no discussion, questions or opposition. All members present approved the Abstract reports, by a vote of 4-0.

Banking & Financial Summary-March, 2022

- A motion was made by S. Wilday and, seconded by J. Ricci, approving the Banking & Financial Summaries for March, 2022. There was a vote of 4-0, with no further discussion.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

C. Clark states, there was a replacement of a fan, for the heating system and issues with the baseboard heat, in room 200, this past month, in the amount of \$500.00. Everything is working properly now.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion was made by R. Shayler and, seconded by J. Ricci at 10:05 a.m., to enter into Executive Session, for legal contractual issues. All members were in favor, by a vote of 4-0.
- A motion was made at 10:11 am, by S. Wilday and, seconded by J. Ricci to reconvened the regular IDA Board meeting. All members were in favor, by a vote of 4-0.

ACTION ITEMS-None

OLD BUSINESS

- **Review of the Hume Solar Project**-C. Clark states, this project is finalizing the Host Agreement with the town. There should be information, in this regard, by the next meeting.
- **Other Solar Project updates**-Per C. Clark:
 - The four NSF projects are working on a completion date.
 - The Wellsville project is almost complete.
 - The Cuba project has no update.
 - The PILOTS are in the process of being paid for the Burns (Bright Field) and the Rushford projects. These two projects were finished last year.
 - The small Alfred Solar project, with Delaware Solar, will be putting in their financial application, for the PILOT, once they have finalized the Host agreement with Alfred.
 - The larger Alfred Solar project (100 MW) is about 500 acres. They are in the final stages of talking with the town. They have gone through the 94C process, which is a state process, for approval. They have agreed to work with Alfred's solar laws. It takes about a year to get approvals by state. There is a meeting on that tonight.
 - The other small solar project, Alfred Community Solar, has decided not to complete the financial process for the PILOT. They will be working, directly, with the town.
- **Microenterprise Grant-Next Phase and New Small Business Grant-CBDG CARES Act program**-C. Clark states, we have been working, with Greg Merriam of H. Sicherman, on the \$200,000.00-\$300,000.00 new Microenterprise Grant money, that has helped small businesses, with 5 or less employees. With the first grant of \$200,000.00, we have spent all the money on seven businesses. Hopefully, we can help another seven or eight, small businesses, with this new round of funding.
And, the county has agreed to go after a small business CBDG grant, from the CARES Act money. We will apply for \$1,000,000.00, for companies with 25 or fewer employees, that have been affected by Covid. Most of the counties have tied it to job creation. It could be, \$50-60,000.00 per company. This money can be used for operations and

payroll. This is for existing businesses that have had Covid impacts.

Michelle Denhoff, the Assistant Directory of the Allegany County Planning Department, has sent out a survey and, within 24 hours, we received 12 replies. We will have enough data showing we have many businesses affected by Covid.

S. Wilday asked about the success of the Microenterprise Grant recipients.

C. Clark states, he will bring information, to the Board, on the next meeting. It would be nice to know the results of the businesses success. He has heard Hardy Penwright is doing well. They have hired someone and have expanded the business. The Old Mill is operating and doing well, also.

Now that we have been successful with the first grant, we can apply for the 2022 grant.

- **Travel Center Update**-C. Clark would like to give the Board an update, regarding the Travel Center. Clark, Patterson, Lee has done the borings, on the property, behind Quicklee's. In the next phase, they will be doing the wetlands delineation, March 17 thru the 25th. He will supply the Board with an update as they progress on the phase one environmental studies, further work to be conducted throughout March. The concept and SEQRA are planned on being done mid March. We are making progress and, then, we can get a developer on that land.

J. Hopkins asked, how long will this process take?

C. Clark replied, it will take months, probably by mid-summer. He asked CPL about the previous traffic studies. They have confirmed the traffic will be less and will not do things twice. It is in the \$1,300 range as opposed to \$5,000 in the proposal.

NEW BUSINESS-None

GOOD OF THE ORDER-None

CALENDAR

Next Meeting: April 14, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.
The Crossroads Commerce Center, Belmont, NY

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, at 10:20 am, a motion to adjourn was made by S. Wilday and, seconded by J. Ricci, to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Common
Recording Secretary