

**Allegany County Industrial Development Agency**

July 14, 2022

Crossroads Conference Center, Belmont, New York 14813

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**OPENING REMARKS**

Vice Chairman J. Hopkins called the Board meeting to order, in person, and welcomed anyone watching, at 10:00 A.M. and asked the Board if there were any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were declared.

- Present: Judith Hopkins, John Ricci, Randy Shayler and Douglas Frank.
- By Telephone: Richard Ewell
- Absent: Ward "Skip" Wilday
- Others present: Dr. Craig Clark, IDA Executive Director  
Pamela Common, Recording Secretary

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**MINUTES**

- **Minutes of the IDA Board Meeting of 06-09-2022-** A motion was made by R. Shayler and seconded by J. Ricci, to approve the June 9th IDA Board minutes. There was no discussion. All members present were in favor of the approval of the minutes, by a vote of 5-0, with no opposition.

**Treasurer's Report**

- **Abstract Report-** June, 2022 expenses-A motion was made by D. Frank, seconded by R. Shayler, to approve the June, 2022 Abstract Report, by a vote of 5-0. P. Common stated she has found a report, on Quicken, showing information for the Abstract in a better format. It is a neater report. It has a payment, deposit and balances columns so, you can see how everything is paid. It is a better report of the Abstract you have printed out in your package.  
**C. Clark:** It has more detail and information on it.  
**J. Hopkins:** Perhaps we can have Doug Frank take a look at it, for the next meeting and tell us what he thinks. Should we change to this new format until we get QuickBooks program?  
**C. Clark:** We spoke to BWB but the person who does the training is off this week. When she gets back, we will get the training started.  
**J. Hopkins:** We don't seem to have any questions with that form. If we have any questions, we can check with Pam and perhaps next month, we may make a change.
- **Banking & Financial Summary-** June, 2022-A motion was made by J. Ricci and, seconded by D. Frank, to approve the Banking and Financial Summary for June, 2022, by a vote of 5-0. There were no questions or discussion.

**Building Maintenance Report**

P. Common states one of the Office for the Aging's air conditioners needed repair, twice, this past month and the issues have been resolved. A condenser was replaced, as well as a loose wire in their thermostat.

## Executive Session

A 10:09 am, a motion was made by D. Frank, seconded by J. Ricci, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contractual/legal issue.

At 10:27 am, a motion was made by D. Frank and, seconded by J. Ricci to resume the IDA Board meeting. All members were in favor, by a vote of 5-0.

## Action Items

- **Approve 2021 financial audit-Postponed.**
- **Resolution to approve financial Assistance for NY Alfred 1 Solar Project-** C. Clark states we had the public hearing, on Monday night, July 11, 2022. The only person in attendance was Dan Acton, the supervisor. He had not comment. It was broadcasted and there were no verbal or written comments. The Town of Alfred has done a very good job, more than I have ever seen, with a SEQR. They hired an engineer to do their side of the SEQR, not just what was compiled by the company. That is why no one was there. They had a lot of public hearings so, there were no issues. They have agreed upon a host agreement. We are ready to move forward. They have done the SEQR, we have done our public hearing and the town has a host agreement.  
A motion was made by J. Ricci, seconded by R. Shayler, to approve the Financial Assistance for the NY Alfred I, LLC project. All members approved the resolution, by a vote of 5-0. There was no opposition or further discussion.  
**Roll call vote, as follows:**  
R. Ewell-Aye                      J. Hopkins-Aye                      R. Shayler-Aye  
D. Frank-Aye                      J. Ricci-Aye
- **Resolution to accept financial assistance application for Runnings project, Wellsville-**J. Hopkins: We were very happy the Legislature was able to make the June 27<sup>th</sup> announcement they are coming to Wellsville. This will, certainly, be a boom for the area.  
A motion was made by R. Shayler, seconded by R. Ewell, to accept the financial assistance application for the Running's project. All members approved the resolution, by a vote of 5-0. There was no opposition or further discussion.
- **Resolution for pilot deviation for Runnings project, Wellsville-**A motion was made by J. Ricci, seconded by D. Frank to approve the resolution for the PILOT deviation for the Runnings project. All members approved the resolution, by a vote of 5-0. There was no opposition or further discussion.  
**Roll call vote, as follows:**  
R. Ewell-Aye                      J. Hopkins-Aye                      R. Shayler-Aye  
D. Frank-Aye                      J. Ricci-Aye

- **Resolution to hold Public Hearing for financial Assistance for Runnings project, Wellsville-** A motion was made by D. Frank, seconded by J. Ricci, to hold a public hearing for financial assistance for the Runnings project. All members approved the resolution, by a vote of 5-0. There was no opposition. R. Shayler recommended the use of the library for the public hearing.

**Roll call vote, as follows:**

R. Ewell-Aye	J. Hopkins-Aye	R. Shayler-Aye
D. Frank-Aye	J. Ricci-Aye	

<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>
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- **Other Solar project updates-C. Clark:** We are working with the Northland group and the large project in Alfred. They are not ready to move forward because they are still going through their 94C but, they are starting to discuss the host agreement with the town. I will bring back some discussions with the Board, when we get closer to how much per megawatt and development of a PILOT. It is a large project, not in our UTEP. So, we will have to do a PILOT deviation on that. Another one of the small PV projects has recently closed in Independence and finalized. As far as construction, I have not gotten back any word on any of them. I don't know what the status is for the one in Cuba but, it is still moving forward.
- **Microenterprise Grant – next phase-C. Clark:** As you know, we awarded all the grant money for the last Microenterprise Grant. It was very successful, spending all the money, in the time frame, with one extension. Now, we are officially closing it. They've asked for a little more paperwork from the County. We will be putting in a second application, sometime this soon, for two hundred thousand dollars. We give out one hundred and seventy thousand dollars and another part for administration of the grant. That is for companies that are startups or smaller than five or less employees. It will be a similar process as the last time, which worked out very well. They came to us with very good business plans and they did a good job. We are now ready to put in for another one. I have just talked with them, yesterday, about doing that some time this month.  
**J. Hopkins:** Do we have a calendar, as to when it will be?  
**C. Clark:** Last time, it took one to two months. It doesn't take long to get it approved. We should have money early this fall.
- **Update Crossroads engineering study -C. Clark:** When I last reported, I thought the engineering was done. Monday, Andrew told me they are still working on some of the delineation of some of the wetlands, with the DEC, to make sure it is all done correctly. It might be another month before we have that all finalized. Then, we can start talking about the design because the design is affected by the wetlands. I don't think there are any major issues. It is just taking longer than we'd hoped.
- **Status small business grant CBDG CARES act program-C. Clark:** The last part, which they have never requested before, was a list of potential companies, in the area, that could take part in this grant. We gave them a list of companies we thought would be potentially eligible, without going out and getting eligibility. They are approving the grant, today and, as far as I know, it is for the million dollars we requested. As soon as I know for sure, I will let you know. It is a grant to the County but, we would administer that very similarly. We would take the applications and review them, then dole the money out. We have one year to spend the million dollars. As soon as I get anything from our consultants, what the application process looks like, I will share it with the Board.

**J. Hopkins:** The word will go out to the various economic development groups around the County?

**C. Clark:** Once we have the application process set, we will figure it out at the next Board meeting. Then, we can get the application process up because, you know, with those kinds of funds, we will have all kinds of people applying.

**R. Shayler:** With the CARES Act, you have to prove a loss due to Covid?

**C. Clark:** Yes, you have to have loss due to Covid but, I think there's not too many companies that can't somehow show a Covid impact. This is not for start up's like the Microenterprise grant. They would have to have been in business with a Covid impact. The monies can be used for operating dollars, too and pay employees. We are talking about a \$70,000.00 range. That is what most of the other CBDG CARES Act monies range. The whole goal is to have impact. Obviously, with companies up to 25, you need to give them a reasonable amount of money to have impact.

**J. Hopkins:** It is development for these companies who can expand.

**C. Clark:** I will be good for us in economic development. I think we can help a lot of companies, hiring employees or recover, if they haven't gotten money from Covid. It is another way get Covid related money.

**R. Shayler:** Can the grant exceed what they're able to prove it could?

**C. Clark:** It is not so much the loss piece. I don't think you have to prove a \$70,000.00 loss to get a \$70,000.00 grant. The real impact they are looking for, is to hire more people. And the goal is money, so you can try to hire people.

#### **NEW BUSINESS-None**

#### **GOOD TO THE ORDER**

**R. Shayler:** The Balloon Rally is this weekend. Tell your friends and neighbors. Last weekend, there was a parade and the Texas Hot 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. It went very well and very smoothly. The parade was huge. It was the largest one I have seen in 15 years.

**J. Ricci:** My wife watched it on Facebook and they actually had floats, like the old days. It looked really nice.

**R. Shayler:** It was pretty well done.

**J. Hopkins:** There was a picture of the Texas Hot float in the Cuba Patriot. Do you have an idea what the attendance was?

**R. Shayler:** I don't but, as a participant, it took an hour and 20 minutes. There were children, all the way from Pearl Street to well beyond the Police Station. It was a good two blocks longer than it ever has been.

**J. Hopkins:** Happening this week is the Allegany County Fair, as it has for 100 years.

#### **CALENDAR**

**Next Meeting:** Aug 11, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.  
The Crossroads Commerce Center, Belmont, NY

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, at 10:44 am, a motion to adjourn was made by D. Frank and, seconded J. Shayler, to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Common, Confidential Secretary