

## Minutes of the County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency January 3, 2019 7642 N. State St. Lowville, New York

Chairman Joe Lawrence called the meeting to order at 8:10am.

Board Members Present: Joseph Lawrence, Christina Schneider, Ron Burns, Jared Thisse

Board Members Excused: Gerald Cayer, Gagan Singh

## Items for Approval

• The minutes of the December 14, 2018 meetings were approved upon a motion made by Christina Schneider and seconded by Jared Thisse. Motion carried.

- The minutes of the December 27, 2018 meetings were approved upon a motion made by Christina Schneider and seconded by Jared Thisse. Motion carried.
- The Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, & Review of Expenses) for the
  month of November 2018 were approved with request that the CB building be moved from
  a Current Asset to a Fixed Asset for clarity of liquid assets. The motion was made by Ron
  Burns and seconded by Jared Thisse. Motion carried.

## Agenda Items for the Month

- Proposed changes to the draft Solar Policy were reviewed. Board members suggested
  clarifying the role of the host municipality in the zoning and site process as well as
  clarifying the effect of the policy on current parcel taxation. Chairman Lawrence expressed
  a desire to encourage use of unproductive land in the policy.
- Denmark Wind has requested an extension to their Sales Tax exemption. The Board had
  questions on acronyms used in the correspondence and wanted to better understand whether
  this would be an additional benefit or just due to timing of work. A new termination date is
  needed.
- Brittany Davis gave a Marketing update. There was discussion of the County Marketing contract and balancing Brittany's time.
- Cheyenne Steria presented a Loan Fund Summary to the Board, detailing status of RBEG
  and USDA loan funds. There was discussion about whether Snow Ridge might benefit from
  Marketing or budgeting assistance. The Board would like staff to keep in touch with Snow
  Ridge due to their late status.
- The Board received updates on the Center for Business. Chairman Lawrence asked that staff make the Open House a priority. Journal & Republican reporter Julie Abbass was in attendance and offered to write a feature on the building.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:57am by Jared Thisse, seconded by Ron Burns and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Schneider Secretary/Treasurer