

Minutes of the
County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency
Thursday, March 06, 2014
LCIDA Office, 7642 State St., Lowville, New York

Sign in sheet of those attending is attached.

Jack Bush called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Privilege of the Floor: Eric Virkler advised he forwarded a letter to Rick Porter advising Lyonsdale Bio-Mass has a new Plant Manager. Their contract to sell energy is up for renewal. Letters of support are being asked to be sent by the IDA and LCDC.

Ongoing discussions regarding amendments to the grant for the LCDC Railroad Spur with IDA and GVT for improvements to the railroad are ongoing.

The minutes of the February 06, 2014 meeting was approved upon a motion made by Rocky Fawcett and seconded by Mickey Lehman. Motion carried.

The Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, & Review of Expenses) for the month of February 2014 was approved upon a motion made by Stevie Smith and seconded by Mickey Lehman. Motion carried.

Possible Projects or Conferences (Rick Porter): JCLDA is having a Northern New York Regional Rail Road Conference on March 25th at the Watertown Elks Lodge from 10a – 3p. At the time of the meeting no further information was received.

Other Business brought up by the Executive Director:

- **Kraft** - Tom Campany was asked to e-mail an Inducement Resolution to Derek at Kraft. No other details have been discussed.
- **BarkEater Craft Brewery** – Closing of the USDA Loan will be today, March 6th immediately following the IDA meeting.
- **Lakeside Energy** – Documents should be completed by end of month.
- **2014-2015 Budget** – The figures on the projected budget reflect the current expenses and the possibility of 2 projects. Other figure changes are due to the changes in PILOTs, PILOT payments or New PILOTs. A motion to approve the 2014-2015 Budget was made upon a motion made by Rocky Fawcett and seconded by Mickey Lehman. Motion carried.

Other Business brought up by the Board – Welcome and introductions were made at the beginning of the meeting to new board member County Legislator Craig Brennen. Craig was appointed by the Board of Legislators on March 4th to the IDA Board.

Craig advised the need for a Refrigeration Unit is being discussed by an investor and a manufacturer. HDK – HDK's attorney has contacted Tom Campany. Closing with the new owners should happen within the next two weeks. It was noted to the attorney the IDA Board's disappointment of the handling of the closing and sale of the facility.

Craig Brennon made a suggestion of keeping the property and sell it ourselves as we are the leaseholder. Tom Campany advised this is not possible and the only recourse is to void the PILOT

since HDK is not complying with the terms of the agreement. This would put the property back on the tax rolls.

Next Meeting: May 01, 2014

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Craig Brennon and seconded by Rocky Fawcett. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:50a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Lehman
Secretary/Treasurer

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Jack Bush called the meeting to order at 8:03am.

Privilege of the Floor: None

The minutes of the January 02, 2014 meeting was amended and approved upon a motion made by Rocky Fawcett and seconded by Mickey Lehman. Motion carried.

The Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, & Review of Expenses) for the months of December 2013 and January 2014 was approved upon a motion made by Mickey Lehman and seconded by Stevie Smith. Motion carried.

Possible Projects (Rick Porter):

- Hydro Dairy – Discussions continue, no application received or filed to date.
- Budget – Next meeting the 2015 budget will need to be reviewed.

Other Business brought up by the Executive Director:

- **Kraft** – The Comptroller of Kraft has been contacted by both Rick Porter and Thomas Campany. More information is required from Kraft to process the documentation and move the project along.
- **BarkEater Craft Brewery** – Rick Porter and Jack Bush met with Mike Mannigan from the USDA this past week to discuss the particulars of the Loan Fund. Documentation of the closing and the official note is required by the State to move forward. Details are being worked out between the County, IDA and BarkEater.
- **LakeSide PILOT** – The final drafts should be completed by the end of the month.

Other Business brought up by the Board:

- Due to a fire at Qubica/AMF this past week it was asked how long the mill would be shut down for repairs and clean-up. It was advised only over the weekend.
- There was a meeting with Hand in Hand regarding their financial status. The process of trying to sell the Boonville facility is still on-going.

Next Meeting: March 06, 2014

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rocky Fawcett and seconded by Mickey Lehman. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Lehman
Secretary/Treasurer

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Thursday, January 02, 2014
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A listing of those attending is attached.

Jack Bush called the meeting to order at 8:08a.m.

Privilege of the Floor: None

The minutes of the November 07, 2013 meeting was approved upon a motion made by Rocky Fawcett and seconded by Mickey Lehman. Motion carried.

The Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, & Review of Expenses for September, October, & November 2013, was approved upon a motion made by Jerry Haenlin and seconded by Rocky Fawcett. Motion carried.

Other Business brought up by the Executive Director:

- **HDK - PILOT Termination** – Eric Virkler advised Rick Porter via e-mail there was a buyer for the property. It was determined by the board that if the property has been sold the new buyer would have to contact the IDA to finalize the deal. In the meantime an invoice for the 2014 PILOT payment will be sent as it is due April 15th.
- **MDBB Enterprise, LLC** – This group of businessmen is hoping to purchase the Interface Building as part of the Grand Slam Safety, LLC. This business manufactures Home Run Fencing. Mickey Lehman gave an overview of the business and their hope of building and promoting this business. They have submitted an IDA application looking for Sales Tax exemption, Mortgage Recording and Property Abatement. The IDA fee will be based on the project cost. A motion to accept the application and approve the project was made by Jerry Haenlin and seconded by Rocky Fawcett. Motion carried. Mickey Lehman abstained from vote.
- **Lakeside Energy – PILOT** – Tom Company has been in contact with Mark Lansing of Lakeside. A public hearing was attended on December 9th regarding the assessment and amending of the PILOT. Closing with Lakeside should be soon.
- **Hydro's Dairy** – Project is a digester to be placed on Mark's Farms. IDA application process has been started.
- **USDA Loan** – Two applications have been received, BarkEater Craft Brewery and Lawns n More. Monique Branagan was key player in obtaining this grant for the county. The IDA hired her as a consultant to review the applications. She reviewed the application and contacted Michael Mannigan regarding the process has help to develop a system to process the application easier for the IDA office.

Other Business brought up by the Board.

The project at Kraft is moving along but the IDA has not had any other communication.

Next Meeting: February 06, 2014

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mickey Lehman and seconded by Stevie Smith. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Lehman
Secretary/Treasurer

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Thursday, November 07, 2013
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Jack Bush called the meeting to order at 8:03am.

List of persons attending meeting is attached.

Privilege of the Floor: Eric Virkler requested the IDA to consider taking the lead administrative role on the LCDC Grant regarding the rail spur in Lyons Falls. Further discussion is required on this by the board.

The minutes of the September 05, 2013 meeting was approved upon a motion made by Jerry Haenlin and seconded by Mickey Lehman. Motion carried.

The Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, & Review of Expenses for September & October 2013, approved upon a motion made by Mickey Lehman and seconded by Eddie Boliver. Motion carried.

Possible Projects (Rick Porter): Lakeside Energy – PILOT: Lakeside Energy has brought a proposal to the IDA in amending their current PILOT due to the new assessment of the property. The School and the Town are in agreement with the proposal and Lakeside has asked the IDA to consider also. The status of the Beaver Falls Fire Department is a crucial part of the discussion as the new assessment dramatically affects their budget and future.

* A motion to approve the proposal for the PILOT and Public Hearing to be scheduled was made by Rocky Fawcett and seconded by Eddie Boliver. Motion carried. Public hearing date is tentatively set for Monday, December 9th at 9am. Place to be announced.

Other Business brought up by the Executive Director:

- **HDK - PILOT Termination:** Rick attended the HDK Auction. A motion made by Mickey Lehman and seconded by Eddie Boliver that a letter be written by Thomas Campany Law Firm advising they are in default of the PILOT Agreement and the PILOT should be terminated. Motion carried.
- **Railroad – PILOT** for 2013 was paid to the IDA and distributed. St. Lawrence County has received funding to upgrade their railroad system for potential buyers to mills and mines in that area. Marketing and engineering is required.
- **Loan Requests – Lawns n More –** Applied for a USDA Loan for the purchase of equipment only. Jerry Haenlin made a motion to accept the application and for it to be submitted to the USDA for approval. Rocky Fawcett seconded it and the motion was carried.
- **BarkEaters –** The USDA has approved the application and project moving along well.
- **Drum Country Business –** Rick will be attending a meeting of this group on Friday. The purpose of this organization is to market new business around Fort Drum and the surround communities.

- **Rooftop Highway** – St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties are looking for funding on the proposed Rooftop Highway Project. General discussion regarding the project.

Other Business brought up by the Board.

Kraft – To date nothing has been received from Kraft regarding this project. Ground has been broken and work is being done. A letter to Kraft suggesting a status update should be sent.

Hydro-Agri Tech – This is a company out of California and worked with Clarkson University on a reimbursement project and Renewable Energy Grant with National Grid and the Marks Farms for a digester. The IDA would be the facilitator to ensure the project is progressing. A motion for the IDA to act as the administrator on this project was made by Mickey Lehman and seconded by Rocky Fawcett. Motion carried. **Jerry Haenlin abstained from the vote.**

Next Meeting: December 05, 2013

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mickey Lehman and seconded by Jerry Haenlin. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:05am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mickey Lehman
Secretary/Treasurer