

**SEQR RESOLUTION
RED BARN MEATS, INC. PROJECT**

A regular meeting of County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session at the Lewis County Jefferson Community College Education Center located at 7395 East Road in the Town of Lowville, Lewis County, New York on August 1, 2024 at 8:15 o’clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Joe Lawrence	Chair
Gagan Singh	Vice Chair
Jessica Moser	Treasurer
Darlene Rowsam	Secretary
Gerald Haenlin	Member
McKenzie Lehman	Member

ABSENT:

Herb Frost	Member
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AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Brittany Davis	Executive Director
Cheyenne Steria	Director of Development
Trish Michael	Finance and Operations Manager
Kaylee Talbot	Economic and Tourism Development Specialist
Candace Randall, Esq.	Agency Counsel
Nadene E. Zeigler, Esq.	Special Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Gerald Haenlin, seconded by McKenzie Lehman, to wit:

Resolution No. 0824-02

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DETERMINATION BY THE TOWN OF NEW BREMEN TOWN BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE RED BARN MEATS, INC. PROJECT AND ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION ISSUED WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “Enabling Act”) and Chapter 62 of the 1973 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 902-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to

as the “Act”) to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, Red Barn Meats, Inc., a New York corporation (the “Company”), submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 1.87 acres of land located at 9095 Briot Road (tax map number 147.00-01-18.210) and 9097 Briot Road (tax map number 147.00-01-18.100) in the Town of New Bremen, Lewis County, New York (collectively, the “Land”), together with three (3) existing buildings totaling approximately 5,624 square feet located thereon (collectively, the “Existing Facility”), (2) the renovation of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately 6,020 square foot facility (the “New Facility” and collectively with the Existing Facility, the “Facility”) and (3) the acquisition and installation of various machinery and equipment therein and thereon (the “Equipment”) (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter referred to as the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing to be owned by the Company to be operated as a processing facility for the harvesting, processing and packaging of various meat products and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “SEQR Act”) and the regulations (the “Regulations”) adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, “SEQRA”), the Agency has been informed that (A) the Town of New Bremen Town Board (the “Town Board”) was designated to act as the “lead agency” with respect to the Project and (B) on February 12, 2024 the Town Board determined that that the Project will not have a “significant effect on the environment” and, therefore, that an “environmental impact statement” is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project and issued a negative declaration, attached hereto as Exhibit A, with respect thereto (the “Negative Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, at the time that the Town Board determined itself to be the “lead agency” with respect to the Project, it was not known that the Agency was an “involved agency” with respect to the Project, and, now that the Agency has become an “involved agency” with respect to the Project, the Agency desires to concur in the designation of the Town Board as “lead agency” with respect to the Project, to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Negative Declaration and to indicate that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Town Board was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a “significant effect on the environment” pursuant to SEQRA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF COUNTY OF LEWIS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (A) The Agency has received copies of, and has reviewed the Application and the Negative Declaration (collectively, the “Reviewed Documents”) and, based upon said Reviewed Documents and the representations made by the Company to the Agency at this meeting, the Agency hereby ratifies and concurs in the designation of the Town Board as “lead agency” with respect to the Project (as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA).

(B) The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Town Board was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a “significant effect on the environment” pursuant to SEQRA (as such quoted phrase is used in SEQRA).

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Joe Lawrence	VOTING	YES
Gagan Singh	VOTING	YES
Jessica Moser	VOTING	EXCUSED
Darlene Rowsam	VOTING	YES
Gerald Haenlin	VOTING	YES
McKenzie Lehman	VOTING	YES
Herb Frost	VOTING	ABSENT

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF LEWIS)

I, the undersigned Secretary of County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on August 1, 2024 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution contained therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the “Open Meetings Law”), said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

9 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this day of August, 2024.


Secretary

EXHIBIT A
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
- SEE ATTACHED -

Agency Use Only [If applicable]

Project: Red Barn Meats Expansion

Date: 2/12/2024

*Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Impact Assessment*

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Part 2 is to be completed by the Lead Agency.

Answer all of the following questions in Part 2 using the information contained in Part 1 and other materials submitted by the project sponsor or otherwise available to the reviewer. When answering the questions the reviewer should be guided by the concept "Have my responses been reasonable considering the scale and context of the proposed action?"

	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
1. Will the proposed action create a material conflict with an adopted land use plan or zoning regulations?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will the proposed action result in a change in the use or intensity of use of land?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of the existing community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will the proposed action have an impact on the environmental characteristics that caused the establishment of a Critical Environmental Area (CEA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change in the existing level of traffic or affect existing infrastructure for mass transit, biking or walkway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Will the proposed action cause an increase in the use of energy and it fails to incorporate reasonably available energy conservation or renewable energy opportunities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Will the proposed action impact existing: a. public / private water supplies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. public / private wastewater treatment utilities?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will the proposed action impair the character or quality of important historic, archaeological, architectural or aesthetic resources?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will the proposed action result in an adverse change to natural resources (e.g., wetlands, waterbodies, groundwater, air quality, flora and fauna)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will the proposed action result in an increase in the potential for erosion, flooding or drainage problems?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Will the proposed action create a hazard to environmental resources or human health?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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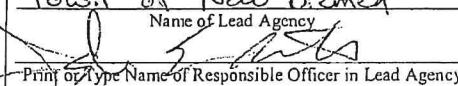
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Short Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 Determination of Significance

For every question in Part 2 that was answered "moderate to large impact may occur", or if there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action may or will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact, please complete Part 3. Part 3 should, in sufficient detail, identify the impact, including any measures or design elements that have been included by the project sponsor to avoid or reduce impacts. Part 3 should also explain how the lead agency determined that the impact may or will not be significant. Each potential impact should be assessed considering its setting, probability of occurring, duration, irreversibility, geographic scope and magnitude. Also consider the potential for short-term, long-term and cumulative impacts.

5) With increase of Production traffic will increase slightly.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action may result in one or more potentially large or significant adverse impacts and an environmental impact statement is required.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you have determined, based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation, that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.
<u>Town of New Bremen</u>	<u>2/12/24</u>
Name of Lead Agency	Date
	<u>Deputy Supervisor</u>
Print or Type Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer
<u>Joseph E. Aucter, Deputy Supervisor</u>	
Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

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