

ST LAWRENCE CO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES OF MEETING – September 23, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Brian Staples called to order a meeting of the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency at 4:05 PM at the Best Western, Canton.

ROLL CALL:

Blevins	Present	Hall	Present
LaBaff.....	Present	McMahon.....	Absent
Peck.....	Present	Staples.....	Present
Weekes.....	Present		

Others: IDA Staff Ray Fountain; Patrick Kelly; Kim Gilbert; Natalie Sweatland; Richard Williams; Lori Sibley; Andrew Silver, Esq., Counsel.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notifications sent September 13, 2011 to, at a minimum: St. Lawrence County's newspapers designated for the publication of local laws and other matters required by law to be published; additional local media sources and websites.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman recognizes Mark Dwonczyk and Daniel Orr of Nicholville Telephone Company. Mr. Dwonczyk notes that he is here to learn more about the IDA and to offer any support it can to assist the IDA and St. Lawrence County community.

MINUTES: LaBaff/Weekes move to accept the minutes of the August 25, 2011 meeting. Accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Blevins reports that the Transition Committee met earlier this afternoon. He noted that the Committee was originally tasked to manage issues regarding the IDA's move from County oversight of employees to its current organizational make up. The few issues remaining of that task will now be handled by the Governance Committee. It is the general consensus of the Board that the Transition Committee should not yet be dissolved, and the Committee is tasked with overseeing the leadership changes that will occur when Ray retires and Patrick assumes the role of CEO.

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Fountain reports the following:

- Newton Falls Fine Paper Company paid off all of its loan obligations.
- On Monday, Ray Fountain will execute the contract with the St. Lawrence County Snowmobile Association. Board Member Hall asks that the local snowmobile club have written notification that the contract will be executed.
- I98 – The grant provided through Senator Griffo's office is finally moving along. We have received notice that the contract has been approved and we have submitted invoices for reimbursement. In response to a question from the Chairman, Mr. Fountain notes that only those invoices with proper supporting documentation were submitted.
- A letter was received correspondence from Town of Brasher Supervisor M. James Dawson. Mr. Dawson is requesting resolutions in support of the Massena Airport runway extension project. It is believed that the project is also being submitted to the Regional Council.
- Mr. LaBaff asks that the Agency state to the Regional Councils its position on I-98 and the NYPA contract for 20 mw of power. He adds that businesses need a place that is conducive to doing business and if the Regional Councils want true economic development, we need the I-98 and NYPA power projects. The North Country Regional Council's Co-Chair is not in favor of the I-98 project. Mr. Hall noted that the Yes 11 group presented information at Monday's meeting to the Regional Council. Staff will prepare a letter for the Chairman's signature.
- A letter was received from the Village of Gouverneur regarding the possibility that projects, already submitted (or notified of award) for funding through various agencies, may now face delays because the project awards may be moved to the oversight of Regional Councils. It appears that little of the money to

fund the Regional Councils is new money – most of it comes from a reallocation of funds from other agencies. Staff will prepare a letter for the Agency Chairman’s signature regarding this issue.

- Staff have forwarded the Regional Council unified applications for Newton Falls Rail and the Clearwater Trestle projects. Staff will prepare correspondence for the Chairman’s signature.
- The Northern Border Regional Commission inquired as to whether the \$200,000 awarded for the Gouverneur water project will be used. The NBRC has been advised that the money will be used. The Village of Gouverneur will become the grant recipient under a new application and the NBRC will give the money to the Village.
- We were advised that the Dockside Village of the 1,000 Islands project encountered issues with some of the partners. As a result of these issues, the project has been terminated. We are outreaching Jarrett [Newby] regarding options.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution: Authorizing Contributions of Kinney Drugs

Resolution: Authorizing Contributions of Hoosier Magnetics

Resolution: Authorizing Contributions of St. Lawrence Valley Roasters:

Blevins/LaBaff. Mr. Fountain notes that these three companies will be honored at this evening’s event. Approved unanimously.

Resolution: Accepting 2012 Tentative Budget: Blevins/Weekes. Mrs. Gilbert notes that a tentative budget must be in place for public review/comment for 20 days before a final budget is adopted. Approved unanimously.

Resolution: Setting Status Under SEQR and Assuming Lead Agency Status: Peck/ LaBaff and Hall. Mr. Williams explains that this resolution involves the Massena Industrial Park rail spur. The application has been submitted by the BDC; however, the Department of Transportation recommends that the IDA assume lead status due to the fact that various property owners are involved. The new spur is behind Curran and AgPro properties. Approved unanimously.

Resolution: Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Certain Documents in Connection with Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Project (Series 2006 Civic Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds) Hall/Blevins. No questions or comments. Approved unanimously.

Resolution: In response to the request received from the Town of Brasher, the following is offered by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. LaBaff: *Whereas the Massena International Airport has the potential to attract thousands of our Canadian neighbors to utilize its services; and Whereas an influx of thousands of people creates the potential for creating business for St. Lawrence and Franklin counties, and an increase in sales tax revenue, which will affect everyone in a positive manner; and Whereas the existing runway at the Massena International Airport is not long enough to accommodate commercial jet service. Now, therefore be it resolved that the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency hereby supports the Town of Massena in its efforts to extend the runway to accommodate commercial jet service.* Approved unanimously.

The LaBaff/Hall motion to recess at 4:32 PM. The Board returns from recess at 4:48 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: LaBaff/Weekes motion for Executive Session at 4:48 PM to discuss current litigation with a specific company and the credit history of a particular corporation. Hall/Weekes motion for return to Regular Session at 5:20 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Peck/Weekes motion to adjourn at 5:20 PM. Adjourned by unanimous consent.

/s/
(Mr.) Lynn Blevins, Secretary