

Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC)

BWB Building
201 West Third Street, Jamestown, NY
2nd Floor Board Room

&
Electronically via Live Stream on YouTube & Zoom

January 24, 2023

11:18 a.m.

Gary Henry	Chairman
Brad Walters	Vice Chairman
Sagan Sheffield- Smith	Treasurer
Dan Heitzenrater	Secretary
Steven Thorpe	Member
Rhonda Johnson	Member
Kevin Muldowney	Member

Also in attendance:

Mark Geise	Administrative Director/CEO
Richard E. Dixon	Chief Financial Officer
Milan K. Tyler, Esq.	Counsel
Greg Peterson	Counsel
Rosie Strandburg	CCIDA Staff
Kayla Strandburg	CCIDA Staff
Jason Toczydlowski	CCIDA Staff
Carol Rasmussen	CCIDA Staff
Kristine Morabito	CCIDA Staff
Crystal Erhard	CCIDA Staff
Jeanette Lo Bello	CCIDA Staff
Jason Toczydlowski	CCIDA Staff
P.J. Wendel	County Executive
Nate Aldrich	CCIDA Staff
Monica Simpson	CCIDA Staff
Greg Bacon	Post Journal

Absent Board Member(s):

Jay Churchill	Member
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Meeting was called to order by Gary Henry, Chairman, at 11:18 a.m.

Gary Henry

The Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation meeting at the BWB Building, 201 West Third Street, Jamestown New York and also via Live Stream on YouTube and Zoom. It is January 24, at approximately 11:18 a.m. We will have a call to order. Roll call vote.

Board

Aye – Unanimous.

Gary Henry

You should have already received the minutes from the December 27th, 2022 meeting and had a chance to review those. Do we have a motion to accept the minutes?

Kevin Muldowney

I'll make that motion.

Gary Henry

Thank you. Do we have a second?

Steven Thorpe

Second.

Gary Henry

Thank you. All in favor say Aye.

Board

Aye – Unanimous.

Gary Henry

Opposed? So carried. We will move right into New Business. Do we need to discuss this or can we just move into these votes?

Mark Geise

Probably discuss it.

Gary Henry

Who would like to discuss New Business A?

Nate Aldrich

Mr. Chairman, I can take this one. As you know we have been fortunate to have a growing tourism hospitality economy. We've seen growth in our Occupancy Tax Revenue with County governments and we were fortunate enough to build into the 2023 County Occupancy Tax Budget a \$50,000.00 allocation to the Partnership for Economic Growth, specifically the Placemaking Work Group. New York State legislation that established the occupancy tax and really the eligible use of funds and it really relates exactly to what the Placemaking Work Group does in terms of improving our downtowns, activating our waterfronts, improving the aesthetic of the county so on and so forth. This funding will be coming over to the Partnership again to help identify, conceptualize, develop funds and implement projects similar to what Mark talked about earlier.

Gary Henry

Do you have any questions? If not, Kevin can you move New Business 3A?

Kevin Muldowney

Resolution 1-24-23-06 - RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAUTAUQUA REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION APPROVING ENTRY INTO AGREEMENT WITH CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY AND LOCAL FOUNDATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Gary Henry

Do I have a second?

Dan Heitzenrater

Second.

Gary Henry

Roll call vote.

Board

Aye – Unanimous.

Gary Henry

It's approved. Nate, did you want to talk about Resolution B?

Nate Aldrich

Yes. We are seeking authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding really between CREDC and the Partnership and the Friends of the Chautauqua County Greenways. As you may recall, in November we presented a resolution to hire Jacob Bodeway as our Trail Coordinator. Jacob and our team have been active, as Mark said, bringing together upwards of about a dozen different trail user groups throughout the County to promote collaboration, go after larger resources and really be strategic about what sort of trail projects, maintenance and new trail development, marketing of the trails we're focused on. This agreement really just sets some guiderails of what that group can expect of us in terms of our staff and consultant support of their efforts, as well as generally playing nice in the sandbox – getting along and collaborating with all those user groups.

Gary Henry

Any questions? Sagan would you move Resolution 3B?

Sagan Sheffield-Smith

Resolution 1-24-23-07 - RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAUTAUQUA REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION APPROVING ENTRY INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE "FRIENDS OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY GREENWAYS" FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Gary Henry

Do we have a second?

Brad Walters

Second.

Gary Henry

Thank you. Roll call vote.

Board

Aye – Unanimous.

Gary Henry

It's approved. Did we have any Old Business to come before the Board? With none, I will take a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rhonda Johnson

Motion.

Gary Henry

Second?

Dan Heitzenrater

Second.

Gary Henry

All in favor say Aye.

Board

Aye – Unanimous.

Gary Henry

Opposed? We are adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

(Assistant) Secretary

(Vice) Chairman