

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

July 25, 2023
10:41 a.m.

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

Also in attendance:

Mark Geise	Administrative Director/CEO
Richard E. Dixon	Chief Financial Officer
Milan K. Tyler, Esq.	Counsel
Greg Peterson	Counsel
Paul Wendel	County Executive
Crystal Erhard	CCIDA Staff
Jeanette Lo Bello	CCIDA Staff
Nate Aldrich	CCIDA Staff
Rahsann Graham	Jade Empire LLC
Greg Bacon	Post Journal
Julia Ciesla-Hanley	WRFA 107.9

Absent Board Member(s):

Meeting was called to order by Gary Henry, Chairman, at 10:41 a.m.

Gary Henry

I would like to welcome you all to the Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation meeting at the BWB Building, 201 West Third Street, Jamestown NY, also electronically on YouTube and Zoom. I believe we are livestreaming now. We got that worked out for us during the last meeting. We will call the meeting to order. Roll call vote.

Board

Aye – Unanimous.

Gary Henry

You should have already received the minutes from the June 27, 2023 meeting and had a chance to review those. Do we have a motion to accept those minutes?

Daniel Heitzenrater

I'll move.

Gary Henry

Thank you Dan. Do we have a second?

Kevin Muldowney

Second.

Gary Henry

Thank you. All those in favor say Aye.

Board

Aye – Unanimous.

Gary Henry

Opposed? The minutes are approved. We will move in with New Business which is the Resolution that we already started talking about during the IDA meeting. Nate, did you have anything that you wanted to add to that?

Nate Aldrich

Again, no. The difference between the two-CREDC is the applicant and the IDA is a joint applicant.

Gary Henry

Does anybody have any questions? We kind of went over this in detail already. Dan Heitzenrater would you move New Business A for us?

Dan Heitzenrater

Sure. Resolution 07-25-23-03 Authorizing submittal of a joint consolidated funding application (CFA) through the NYS Department of State (DOS) Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program for Chadakoin River priority site predevelopment activities

Gary Henry

Do we have a second?

Rhonda Johnson

Second.

Gary Henry

Thank you. Roll call vote.

Board

Aye – Unanimous.

Gary Henry

It's unanimously approved. Nate, we appreciate all your work on this. I know a lot of work goes into these. It's easy to pass the resolution but there are a lot of forms and a lot of things to do. So, we appreciate that and look forward to seeing if we can receive that funding.

Greg Peterson

Mr. Chairman, just an aside I am doing some purging at our offices and I came across a file just yesterday called the Chadakoin Gateway Project-resolutions, newspaper articles-a variety of things which goes back some time-which I have to Kristy Kathman yesterday. Its worth looking at-that this project-the Chadakoin Project has been talked about for a long period of time. I applaud the IDA frankly for kick starting it and getting it to a point, a much higher level where it's actually going to become a reality. It's remarkable. You'll see some ancient history that Kristy got.

Nate Aldrich

Greg, I just wanted to recognize Kristy. She has been leading this imitative and doing a great job.

Gary Henry

Mark, did you have an Executive Report for us?

Mark Geise

No. I really don't today. Maybe next month, between Nate and I, we will give the Board an update on what is going on with CCPEG and other things. Nothing today. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Gary Henry

Do we have a Treasurer's Report?

Rich Dixon

I just wanted to say that I got some policies we needed to change and we told the ABO that we would change. One of those was our Accounting Policies. Sagan has a copy of that and when Kayla gets back we are going to

sit down, review that, and then bring it back to the Governance Committee and back to the full board. We are working on that. The one thing I like is that our policies that we will be passing now will be for all three of our organizations. We don't have to do separate ones for each organization. There is going to be some formal cost sharing agreement which will take care of eighty or ninety percent of those findings where we didn't have things approved between the organizations. We are looking forward to getting that done.

Gary Henry

Just a report to the Board there are a lot of these policies in the works. We want to make sure we get them right. Harris Beach is helping us with some of these policies. In the next few months you are going to start seeing a lot of reports and different changes that we will have to approve-clean things up a little bit and make sure that we have it all detailed. It's good to hear that that is all in process and we will see it shortly.

Did we have any Old Business to come before the Board? Hearing none, we will adjourn the meeting for the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation. We will meet again next month right after the IDA meeting for CREDC as well. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

(Assistant) Secretary



(Vice) Chairman