

Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC)

**BWB Building  
201 West Third Street, Jamestown, NY  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room  
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**Electronically via Live Stream on YouTube & Zoom**

October 24, 2023  
11:04 a.m.

Gary Henry	Chairman
Brad Walters	Vice Chairman
Sagan Sheffield- Smith	Treasurer
Dan Heitzenrater	Secretary
Kevin Muldowney	Member
Steven Thorpe	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
Rosie Strandburg	IDA Staff
Kristine Morabito	IDA Staff
Carol Rasmussen	IDA Staff
Kayla Strandburg	IDA Staff
Nate Aldrich	IDA Staff
Jeanette Lo Bello	IDA Staff
Crystal Erhard	IDA Staff
Jason Sample	IDA Staff
Paul Wendel	County Executive

Absent Board Member(s):

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Meeting was called to order by Gary Henry, Chairman, at 11:04 a.m.

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Gary Henry

We will now go ahead and start with the Board of Directors of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation meeting again at the BWB Building and also via livestream on YouTube and Zoom. It is currently 11:10/11:04 a.m. (incorrect time on clock) on October 24, 2023. Roll call vote.

Board

Aye – Unanimous. (7 Members in Attendance)

Gary Henry

You should have already received the minutes from the September 26, 2023 meeting and had a chance to review those. Do we have a motion to approve them?

Steven Thorpe

Motion.

Gary Henry

Thank you Steve. Do we have a second?

Dan DeMarte

Second.

Gary Henry

Thank you. All those in favor say Aye.

Board

Aye – Unanimous.

Gary Henry

Opposed? The minutes are approved. Do we have any New Business? Do you have an Executive Report?

Mark Geise

I just wanted to spend a few minutes on updates for the Partnership for Economic Growth. I don't want to spend a lot of time on this because we are going to be giving an Annual Report in January that will encapsulate all of the stuff we worked on. Nate, if you don't mind I will do a play by play and you can do color commentary?

Nate Aldrich

Yes.

Mark Geise

The Partnership is just doing incredible work. I don't know what else to say. With Nate managing it, his team and all the participation from all the community stakeholders it has just been amazing. Above my expectations when we created this years ago. Reviewed and discussed PowerPoint Slides. (Mark Geise & Nate Aldrich)

- 2023 Grant Awards for CCPEG & Partners to Date

- CCPEG Updates
- Friends of Chautauqua County Greenways & Trail Coordinator Updates
- Upgrades to Earl Cardot Eastside Overland in Harris Hill State Forest
- New Trail Signs at Harris Hill Extension and Whalen Memorial State Forest
- New Friends of Chautauqua County Greenways Logo
- 2024 CCPEG Support for Economic Development Projects
- Grant Programs
- Village of Falconer DRI Master Plan By Barton and Loguidice
- Village of Westfield DRI Master Plan By Barton and Loguidice

Nate Aldrich

I just wanted to note that every month we will try to include a slide deck in the CREDC board packet. We might not have enough time every month to run through it but as always if there are any questions or if you are interested in any particular project – I'll also note this is really just skimming the surface. We will try to swap in and out additional content to keep the Board informed.

Greg Peterson

Just an observer I sit in on the staff meetings that they have every Tuesday and it seems like when Nate's reporting it's like the million dollar a month grant. It's unbelievable. Kudos to the Partnership.

Mark Geise

That's all I have.

Gary Henry

Ok. Do we have a Treasurer's Report?

Rich Dixon

Kayla.

Kayla Strandburg

Reviewed and discussed the Treasurer's Report.

Gary Henry

Do we have a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report?

Dan Heitzenrater

So moved.

Gary Henry

Thank you. Do we have a second?

Daniel DeMarte

Second.

Gary Henry

Thank you. All in favor say Aye.

Board

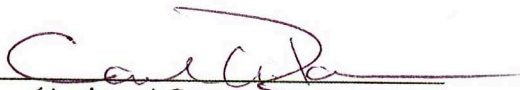
Aye – Unanimous.

Gary Henry

Opposed? Any Old Business to come before the Board? Hearing none we will consider the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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(Assistant) Secretary

  
(Vice) Chairman