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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**

June 24, 2025
11:50 a.m.

PRESENT:

Gary Henry	Chairman
Daniel Heitzenrater	Vice Chairman
Amy Harding	Secretary
John Healy	Member
Kevin Muldowney	Member
Daniel DeMarte	Member

Also in attendance:

Mark Geise	Administrative Director/CEO
Shelby Bilskie	CFO
Milan K. Tyler, Esq.	Counsel
Gregory L. Peterson, Esq.	Counsel
Lisa Cole	Counsel
Kristine Morabito	IDA Staff
Rosie Strandburg	IDA Staff
Kayla Strandburg	IDA Staff
Nate Aldrich	IDA Staff
Jeanette Lo Bello	IDA Staff
Jason Sample	IDA Staff
Crystal Erhard	IDA Staff
Keith Rogers	Maplevale Farms, Inc.
Paul Wendel	County Executive

Absent Board Members:

Sagan Sheffield-Smith	Treasurer
Tom Harmon	Member
Ted Wightman	Member

Meeting was called to order by Gary Henry, Chairman, at 11:50 a.m.

Gary Henry

We'll move right into the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Meeting. We're still at the BWB Building, 201 West Third Street and we're streaming live via YouTube and Zoom. It's June 24, 2025 at 11:50 a.m. We'll go ahead and do Roll Call.

Board

Aye – Unanimous. (6 Members in Attendance)

Gary Henry

Is Ted here? Ted had to leave. You should have already received the March 25, 2025 minutes and had a chance to review those. Do we have a motion to accept the minutes?

Kevin Muldowney

So moved.

Gary Henry

Thank you, Kevin. And a second?

John Healy

Second.

Gary Henry

Thank John. All those in favor say Aye.

Board

Aye – Unanimous

Gary Henry

Opposed? The minutes have been approved. Next, we'll move into New Business A – CREDC Resolution accepting Grant funds presented by Nate.

Nate Aldrich

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We're pleased to present a Resolution to you all today to accept 10 individual grants that we've received in the last month or two for two separate CCPEG programs.

The first we received six grants for the fifth phase of the Overland Trail Restoration Project beside Overland Trail. So those six total \$115,000. So that phase of work is fully funded, unfortunately, will not likely start until next year, due to the State's Wetland Regulations and hoops we are forced to jump through. I also did want to comment that with the exception of these awards we surpassed \$1 million dollars of funding internal maintenance in the last five years through CREDC in the County. I can't take much credit. Jacob Bodeway, our Trail Coordinator is prioritizing and chasing all these funding sources, doing a great job for us, and we

appreciate the County Executive's support of county funds to support our Trail and Outdoor Recreation assets as well.

The next four grants total \$40,500 for our Paint Chq Program that Rebecca Worcester is leading and there'll be four murals installed this September. Four communities as a PILOT project -Dunkirk, Falconer, Sherman, and Westfield and we hope to replicate this in future funds based on funding availability. So, those two projects are fully funded and like I said the Paint Chq will happen this year and that fifth phase of the Overland Trail upgrades likely starting early next spring.

Kevin Muldowney

Do you know where the murals will be?

Nate Aldrich

The artwork - There's local committees in each of the four communities that have selected nationally and world-renowned artists and those artworks will be printed publicly in the near future, and in addition to Rebecca and Jacob just want to thank our local and regional foundation partners. Couldn't have done this without them and we're appreciative of all the individual funders. Any questions?

Gary Henry

Kevin, can you move New Business A for us?

Kevin Muldowney

Sure. Resolution 06-24-25-06 Resolution of the Members of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation Accepting Various Grants

Gary Henry

Do we have a second?

Dan Heitzenrater

Second.

Gary Henry

Thank you, Dan. We'll do a Roll Call Vote.

Board

Aye. Unanimous.

Gary Henry

The Resolution is unanimously approved. Excellent job as always. It's just phenomenal all the work that you and your team do in bringing money into make our County better.

Nate Aldrich

Thank you. We have a great team.

Gary Henry

Do we have an Executive Director's Report?

Mark Geise

I just wanted to say one thing. If you haven't seen the mural on the building as you walk out the back door here, look left. The Roger Tory Peterson Institute - it's spectacular.

Kevin Muldowney

Yeah, it is.

Mark Geise

I didn't even know about it. Last week or two weeks ago - It was almost done – they had the lift up, anyway. More to come. Kind of thing, that's all.

Gary Henry

Great. Do we have a Treasurer's Report?

Kayla Strandburg

Reviewed and discussed the Treasurer's Report.

Gary Henry

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

Daniel DeMarte

Motion

Gary Henry

Thank you. Do we have a second?

Dan Heitzenrater

Second.

Gary Henry

Thank you. All those in favor say Aye.

Board

Aye. Unanimous.

Gary Henry

Opposed? The Report has been accepted. Any Old Business to come before CREDC? Hearing none, we'll consider the meeting adjourned. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

(Assistant) Secretary

(Vice) Chairman