

**COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 24, 2021  
CCIDA Offices  
9 East Washington Street  
Ellicottville NY 14731  
11:00 a.m. In Person or via Teleconference Call/Zoom**

**\* Please note this Board Meeting was conducted via Teleconference due to the Covid-19 Restrictions placed by N.Y.S. \***

**Roll Call:**     -Taken-

**Members  
Present:**

Mr. Thomas Buffamante – Chairman  
Mr. Joseph Higgins  
Mr. Joseph Snyder  
Mr. Brent Driscoll  
Mr. Michael Wimer  
Ms. Ginger Schroder

**Excused:**

Mr. John Stahley

**CCIDA Staff/Counsel:**

Mr. Corey R. Wiktor, Executive Director CCIDA  
Mr. Robert Murray, Harris Beach PLLC Legal Counsel

**Presenters/Guests (Teleconference):**

Mr. David Parker – *The Villager Newspaper*  
Mr. Matt Wilkinson – *Great Lake Cheese Company*

Mr. Peter Sorgi – *Legal Counsel*  
Mr. Jason Schwab – *Land Owner*  
Mr. James Walton – *Dennis Group*  
Mr. Mike Brisky – *Catt. County Legislature*  
Mr. Francis Peter Lounsbury – *Farmersville Town Supervisor*  
Mr. Mark Heberling - *Deputy Town Supervisor – Town of Farmersville*  
Mr. Richard Westfall - *Town of Farmersville Counselman*

Chairman, Thomas Buffamante called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

A roll call of the Board of Directors of the CCIDA was taken Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Driscoll, Ms. Schroder, and Mr. Wimer were present. Mr. Stahley was excused.

### **\*New Applications/Projects\***

#### **Schwab Land Holdings, LLC & Great Lake Cheese Company:**

-Co-Application to allow and direct the CCIDA to partner and facilitate the proposed project an action by undertaking certain studies and findings to help achieve shovel ready site status. This proposed undertaking is with respect to the possible construction of a 480,000 sq. ft. factory on over 200 acres of land located on Route 16 in the Towns of Franklinville and Farmersville, NY.

The IDA and its partners are coordinating efforts to help find a suitable site and location for Great Lakes Cheese Co., to build his new state-of-the-art manufacturing facility that would preserve 229 jobs and would allow for an additional hiring of upwards of 200new employees. The IDA, County, State, and its partners are doing all we can to help Great Lakes Cheese Co. stay in the area and grow. This project would be an economic boom for the Southern Tier Region and the Dairy Industry as a whole. **Total Project cost/investment of: \$505,000,000 (+-).**

This is an exciting project that will not only bring new jobs to our County but will also assist the Dairy Farmers in our Community.

**A Motion** was made by James Snyder seconded by Ginger Schroder, **RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (THE “AGENCY”) AUTHORIZING THE AGENCY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL FIRMS FOR PURPOSES OF UNDERTAKING AND FACILITATING THE SCHWAB LAND HOLDINGS, LLC AND GREAT LAKES CHEESE CO., INC. PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW)** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Ms. Schroder, Mr. Wimer, Mr. Snyder, and Mr. Higgins voted yes. Mr. Stahley was excused. **Motion Carried**

#### **Adjournment:**

**A Motion** was made by Joseph Higgins seconded by James Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. All in Favor – **Motion Carried.** Mr. Stahley was excused.

**\* Next CCIDA Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 11:15 A.M. at the CCIDA Offices, 9 E. Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY, and also via Zoom.**