

COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**May 7, 2020
CCIDA Offices
Ellicottville, New York
11:15 a.m.**

*** Please note this Board Meeting was conducted via Teleconference due to the Covid-19 Restrictions placed by ESD/NYS***

Roll Call: -Taken-

Members

Present:

Mr. Thomas Buffamante - Chairman
Mr. Joseph Higgins
Mr. James Snyder
Mr. Brent Driscoll
Mr. John Stahley
Ms. Ginger Schroder

Excused:

Mr. Michael Wimer

CCIDA Staff/Counsel:

Mr. Corey R. Wiktor, Executive Director CCIDA
Mr. George Cregg, Jr. – Legal Counsel, Hodgson Russ

Mr. Christopher Canada – Legal Counsel, Hodgson Russ
Ms. Nadene Zeigler, Esq. – Legal Counsel, Hodgson Russ

Presenters/Guests (Teleconference):

Mr. John Thomas – *The Villager, Newspaper*
Mr. Rick Miller – *Olean Times Herald*

Ms. Courtney Cox – *Manny-Hanny Development, LLC.*

Mr. David Trathen – *Win Sum Ski Corp.*

Mr. Kieran Siao – *Senior Project Manager – Dimension Energy*

Chairman, Thomas Buffamante called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

Mr. Wiktor stated that because of the COVID19 Pandemic we are holding the CCIDA Board Meeting via conference call.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A Motion was made by Brent Driscoll with a second by Joseph Higgins to accept the March 24, 2020 CCIDA Board Meeting Minutes as presented. **Motion Carried**

New Applications/Projects

(#1.) Manny Hanny Development, LLC:

Manny Hanny Development, LLC has asked the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) to consider their application for the complete renovation and rehab of the former “Manufacturers Hanover” building. The Historic and Adaptive reuse of 101 & 107 N. Union Street in the City of Olean will look to create a mixed-use complex consisting of 21 Market Rate apartments and roughly 8,000 sq. ft. of office space and 5,000 sq. ft. of retail space. **Total Project cost/investment of roughly \$11,725,000.** Noting that this building has been vacant for almost 25 years.

Mr. Wiktor introduced Courtney Cox from the Developer of the Manny Hanny building. This building has been vacant for approximately 25 years. Savarino Development Company is the Developer and Courtney Cox Vice President of Development at Savarino Company is here to answer any questions in regards to this project. Mr. Cox stated that this project has been in the works for several years and just this past winter they had a Company put in \$2.5 million to purchase the New Market Tax Credits, this is just what the project needed to get off the Project off the ground. As Corey has mentioned they plan on 8,000 sq. ft. of office space, 5,000 sq. ft. of retail space and 21 Market rate apartments which includes five (5) restricted income units (which is a requirement by the New Market Tax Credit Program/Funder). Mr. Buffamante asked what the capacity there is for parking spaces on site with retail, office space, and apartments included in this project. Mr. Cox mentioned that they are in discussions with the City for use of a Municipal parking lot located on North First Street in the City, which could secure approximately 30 spaces. Currently there is no off-street parking however, to continue with the walkable Olean there is plenty of on street parking available within walking distance of the two buildings.

The time table is to start as soon as possible when all the tax credits are in place. Savarino is looking at closing mid to late July maybe even into August which would be a late summer construction project. This project consists of mostly interior work and because of the historical designation they are looking to keep the windows as much the same as feasible. They will also be using the local labor market as much as possible, which they try to do in all of their projects.

Mr. Snyder asked Mr. Wiktor if the Manny Hanny building which has been off the tax rolls for a number of years will be going back onto the tax rolls? Mr. Wiktor stated that yes it will be going back onto the tax rolls and the special district taxes will not be exempt. The Manny Hanny Building will have an assessment value put on it, this is very good news for the City of Olean, NY.

RESOLUTIONS:

A **Motion** was made by Brent Driscoll, seconded by Ginger Schroder, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANNY HANNY DEVELOPMENT LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Stahley, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused. Mr. Snyder was unavailable for this vote. **Motion Carried**

A **Motion** was made by Brent Driscoll, seconded by Ginger Schroder, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANNY HANNY DEVELOPMENT LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stahley, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused. Mr. Snyder was unavailable for this vote. **Motion Carried**

(#2.) Win-Sum Ski Corp.:

Win Sum Ski Corporation has asked the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) to consider their application for the purchase/construction of various improvement projects at the Resort. They are looking to add a PB600 groomer, SnoCat, Server upgrades, IT upgrades, Sky High Course upgrades and repairs, improvements to the Lodge, improvements/upgrades at The Inn, snow making improvements, Terrain Park upgrades, phone system replacement, slope lighting/slope drainage and creed stabilization, upgrades to Tannenbaum and Yodeler Lodges.

These items and additional general utility work and purchase will allow the Resort to improve and continue to grow their four-season Resort. **Total project cost/investment of: \$2,800,000.**

Mr. David Trathen from Win Sum Ski Corp. was on the Conference Call to answer any questions in regards to this particular project. Mr. Trathen stated that the original application was for approximately \$3,000,000 however, it has been paired down to \$2,800,000 due to not having enough time or manpower to complete all the projects this year in light of the Covid19 closings. Some of the main components are a replacement PB600 Groomer, (upgrading fleet of 6 Groomers), new SnoCat, continue to add to the automated snow making with 20 new automated snow guns and approximately 1,300 ft. of snowmaking pipeline. Mr. Trathen said that the last few years the automated snowmaking has served the Resort very well with better quality snow and more quantity of snow. They are also continuing to LED slope lighting for night skiing which is more efficient, they are also going to add 12 new golf carts to the course fleet and five new snowmobiles.

Nadene Zeigler from Hodgson Russ LLP asked Mr. Trathen to provide updated application pages to reflect the reduction in benefits requested. Ms. Zeigler also asked if any vehicles would be registered, Mr. Trathen sated that there would be vehicles registered.

This project is consistent to previous years projects Win Sum Ski Corp. is looking for sales tax abatement only. Mr. Wiktor also mentioned that as much local labor as possible is being used as with other projects. The sales tax abatement is approximately \$200,000. Mr. Trathen stated that Win Sum Ski Corp. has been meeting in regards to how the COVID19 will affect their business this summer and the ski season. No decisions have been

making as things have been changing on a daily/weekly basis.

RESOLUTIONS:

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT OT BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF WIN SUM SKI CORP.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stahley, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused. **Motion Carried** (Mr. Buffamante's firm does work for Win Sum Ski Corp. however he has no financial interest in the Company or this particular project.)

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT FOR THE BENEFIT OF WIN SUM SKI CORP. IS A "TYPE II ACTION" AND NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED UNDER SEQRA WITH RESPECT THERETO.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stahley, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused. **Motion Carried** (Mr. Buffamante's firm does work for Win Sum Ski Corp. however he has no financial interest in the Company or this particular project.)

(#3.) Allegany CSG,LLC.:

Dimension Energy out of Atlanta Georgia is proposing to construct a 2.7 MW Community Solar Installation in the Town of Allegany on approximately 33 acres of land on Buffalo Street. This site is just southeast of the current Duggan & Duggan Construction site/land. **Total project cost/investment of \$9,062,000.**

Mr. Kieran Siao, Senior Project Manager from Dimension Energy was on the conference call to answer any questions that the Board may have in regards to the benefits that are being requested. Mr. Siao stated that over the next four (4) years that are looking at do approximately 800 MW of Community Solar Projects. Dimension Energy is looking for a PILOT agreement that the CCIDA is offering on the four (4) projects being proposed. The projects that Dimension are proposing are between 2 ½ to 4 ½ MW each and will serve around 3,200 homes. The power produced by these projects will go directly back to National Grid and the residential customers that sign up/participate will receive reduced electric costs on their electric bill in the form of a credit on their monthly bills.

Mr. Siao stated that this project is a little different than the projects in Portville as the Allegany Project has a battery storage component, The Allegany Project is also much smaller than the Portville sites with Allegany CSG only being a 2.7 MW solar project. They anticipate to start construction later this summer as they have the permits and approvals from the Town of Allegany. This will be the second proposed Solar Project in the Town of Allegany. The SEQRA process has been done by the Town of Allegany.

Mr. Snyder also asked if Dimension Energy has been in contact with the local Fire Departments in the area in regards to the project in Allegany with the battery array component. This is something that has not been discussed prior and is something that the local Fire Department should be aware of. Mr. Siao stated that he would meet with the local Fire Chiefs and do a walk through with them when the project is completed before it goes online to make sure that the local Fire Departments are aware of how to combat a fire if it occurs in the battery array or within the solar farm.

RESOLUTIONS;

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder seconded by Brent Driscoll, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALLEGANY CSG LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stahley, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused **Motion Carried**

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder, seconded by Brent Driscoll, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALLEGANY CSG LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Stahley, Mr. Snyder and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused. **Motion Carried**

(#4.) Portville CSG 1 LLC.

Dimension Energy out of Atlanta, Georgia is proposing to construct a 4.66 MW Community Solar installation in the Town of Portville on approximately 118 acres (before subdivision) on Windfall Road in the Town of Portville. **Total project cost/investment of: \$8,062,000.**

Mr. Kieran Siao stated that Dimension Energy does extensive research as to where the best placement would be for each of their proposed Community Solar Projects will be. They mainly use agricultural land where houses around the project will not be able to see the Solar Farm. The entire project is around 118 acres with an option to purchase 25 acres. To date all the clearances have been received and permits issued by the Town of Portville. Mr. Siao noted that the Town of Portville currently does not have zoning in regards to Solar Farms. Mr. Siao stated that Dimension Energy is currently soliciting for investors in this project and will have an update at the June 9th meeting. Construction will start as soon as the financial component is finalized. Mr. Siao stated that this project is large and in an open field area where there is a natural buffer which Dimension Energy will be adding to for ascetic's reasons for area residents.

Kieran Siao has asked the CCIDA to be Lead Agency for these three (3) individual project, this is currently being worked out between the Town, CCIDA and the Developer. The CCIDA will solicit all involved Agencies when the materials are received from Hodgson/Russ LLC.

RESOLUTIONS;

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder seconded by Brent Driscoll, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF PORTVILLE CSG 1 LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stahley, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused **Motion Carried**

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder, seconded by Brent Driscoll, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF PORTVILLE CSG 1 LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Stahley, Mr. Snyder and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused. **Motion**

Carried

(#5.) Portville CSG 3 LLC.

Dimension Energy out of Atlanta, Georgia is proposing to construct a 4.55 MW Community Solar installation in the Town of Portville on approximately 67 acres (before subdivision) off Haskell Parkway in the Town of Portville. **Total project cost/investment of: \$8,754,939.**

To date all the clearances have been received and permits issued by the Town of Portville. Mr. Siao noted that the Town of Portville currently does not have zoning in regards to Solar Farms. Mr. Siao stated that Dimension Energy is currently soliciting for investors in this project and will have an update at the June 9th meeting. Construction will start as soon as the financial component is finalized.

Mr. Driscoll asked if letters will be sent out to the Community to sign up for the Community Solar. Residents of the Community will be receiving a letter from Acadia Solar in the near future to sign up for credits on their monthly electric bills. Mr. Snyder asked if the Town of Portville is on board with the multiple projects being proposed. Mr. Siao stated that they have held Public Hearings in the Town of Portville and residents participated and asked questions in regards to all of the projects. Mr. Snyder asked if Corey could get letters of support from the Portville Town Board for the CCIDA Board Members to review. Mr. Wiktor stated that he had done this in the past for the Borrego Project and that the Portville Town Board did not have an issue with providing a letter of Support. Mr. Wiktor also mentioned that the new PILOT Policy has a reference in the policy to reflect letters of Support from the surrounding area. Mr. Buffamante mentioned that we should have letters of Support for all projects that are being considered not just Solar Projects.

Mr. Snyder also asked if Dimension Energy has been in contact with the local Fire Departments in the area in regards to the project in Allegany with the battery array component. This is something that has not been discussed prior and is something that the local Fire Department should be aware of. Mr. Siao stated that he would meet with the local Fire Chiefs and do a walk through with them when the project is completed before it goes online to make sure that the local Fire Departments are aware of how to combat a fire if it occurs in the battery array or within the solar farm.

RESOLUTIONS:

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder seconded by Brent Driscoll, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF PORTVILLE CSG 3 LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stahley, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused **Motion Carried**

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder, seconded by Brent Driscoll, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF PORTVILLE CSG 3 LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Stahley, Mr. Snyder and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused. **Motion Carried**

(#6.) Portville CSG 4 LLC:

Dimension Energy out of Atlanta, Georgia is proposing to construct a 4.55 MW Community Solar installation in the Town of Portville on approximately 67 acres (before subdivision) off Haskell Parkway in the Town of Portville. **Total project cost/investment of: \$8,425,950**

To date the permits and clearances are being sought at this time with the government agencies and the Town of Portville. Mr. Siao noted that the Town of Portville currently does not have zoning in regards to Solar Farms. Mr. Siao stated that Dimension Energy is currently soliciting for investors in this project and will have an update at the June 9th meeting. Construction will start as soon as all permits and clearances are received.

The County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency has been asked to be Lead Agency in the SEQR process. The materials will be forward to us by Hodgson/Russ and we will be sending them out as soon as received. The IDA will solicit involved agencies to gauge their interest as well.

RESOLUTIONS:

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder seconded by Brent Driscoll, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF PORTVILLE CSG 4 LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stahley, and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused **Motion Carried**

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder, seconded by Brent Driscoll, **RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF PORTVILLE CSG 4 LLC.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Stahley, Mr. Snyder and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused. **Motion Carried**

(#7.) Machias PV, LLC and RIC New York, LLC:

Machias PV, LLC and Renewable Investment Corporation is seeking the IDA's assistance pertaining to the proposed construction of a Community based commercial Solar Installation in the Town of Machias. The proposed solar installation will be a 2.0 MW, fixed-tilt ground mounted solar photovoltaic project. **Total project cost/investment of \$3,100,000.**

Mr. Wiktor advised the Board that this application was received the day before our meeting and the Application was e-mailed to all Board Members. Ginger Schroder stated that she had reached out to the Town Councilman, Mr. Frank Bork and he said he was unaware of this project in the Town of Machias. Corey Wiktor stated that he has called the Town Supervisor to discuss and is just waiting to hear back from him. Mr. Wiktor reached out May 6th as soon as the Application was received .

Ms. Ginger Schroder mentioned that she has reviewed the Application and has noticed that our legal counsel and Machias PV, LLC legal counsel are the same entity. Mr. Christopher Canada stated that a new application will be submitted and Hodgson Russ will not be representing this project for the Developer.

Ginger Schroder stated that she would rather table this Application until the next CCIDA Board Meeting. Mr.

Snyder, and Mr. Buffamante also agreed to table this Application until the next meeting. Mr. Snyder and Mr. Buffamante stated that they would be more comfortable if the Town had a chance to be brought up to date in regards to this project before it is acted upon by the CCIDA Board. ***It was agreed by the full Board to table this Project until the June 9th CCIDA Board Meeting.***

Resolutions from a Prior Application/Project that is in Process

River Valley Solar, LLC:

River Valley Solar, LLC had applied to the CCIDA at its March 24, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting regarding their proposed solar project in the Town of Allegany.

A Public Hearing was held via Zoom on May 6th 2020 at 9:00 a.m. For the official record minutes were e-mailed to the Board of Directors for their review. No comments were received at the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTIONS:

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DETERMINATION BY THE ALLEGANY TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE RIVER VALLEY SOLAR LLC PROJECT AND ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION ISSUED WITH RESPECT THERETO.** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Stahley, Mr. Snyder and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused. **Motion Carried**

A Motion was made by Joseph Snyder, seconded by Joseph Higgins, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A LEASE/LEASEBACK TRANSACTION FOR A PROJECT FOR RIVER VALLEY SOLAR LLC (THE "COMPANY").** A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Stahley, Mr. Snyder and Ms. Schroder voted yes. Mr. Wimer was excused. **Motion Carried**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The IDA did not have income in the months of **March or April 2020**. Though the IDA did not have income for the months of March and April 2020, the Agency has received \$323,909 in fee income that has been posted Year To Date through April 2020.

A Motion was made by Brent Driscoll, seconded by Thomas Buffamante to approve the Financial Reports for **March and April 2020** as prepared. **ALL in Favor Motion Carried**

Currently thru the first week of May 2020 we have income posted of \$15,500.00 most consisting of application fees - \$9,000.00 and \$6,500.00 from Sales Tax Letters for HoliMont Inc.

We are working on closing documents for the purposes of closing & issuing project benefits on five (5) projects at this time. We hope to have these closed withing the 3rd Quarter of 2020.

***Executive Directors Reports:**

Due to time constraints with conducting the meeting via Conference Call, if anyone has any questions on the items listed in the Executive Directors Report please contact Corey Wiktor via e-mail or cell phone.

-Internal (IDA Meetings/Discussions):

- ✓ **COVID 19 Virus Update:** Corey will give an update on the Coronavirus that has been impacting the day to day operations with many businesses/firms in Cattaraugus County. We have been in daily contact with our State and Federal elected Leaders and also with Empire State Development on fielding questions, concerns and issues that some Companies are facing during this crisis.

We have conveyed various new loan programs from the SBA to our business contacts within the County, and have kept in touch with the County economic development, STW, WIB, multiple Loan Boards, etc. We will continue to stay on top of this and keep our business apprised of any and all programs that may be eligible for during these very trying, challenging and ever-changing times.

- ✓ Weekly CCIDA Stakeholder Updates and email blasts, special Covid-19 Tab on our website.
- ✓ Corey has been added to Congressman Reed's "*Regional Economic Recovery Team*". First meeting was April 30th.
- ✓ Weekly conference calls with NYS & Federal Officials along with our County and local economic development partners.

-Brent Driscoll stated that we have had many discussions in regards to wind and solar however we have not had any discussions to drilling. Mr. Wiktor said that oil and gas well drilling would have more interest in Cattaraugus County if NYS had not banned well fracking. Mr. Wiktor stated that we have not been contacted in the past by the small scale well drilling as they are done by landowner leases. Mr. Wiktor said that the only Companies that he as been contact by are the larger projects done by Kinder Morgan or National Fuel in regards to the Northern Access pipeline. Mr. Wiktor mentioned that in 2015- 2016 the CCIDA was part of the \$43M project in Hinsdale which the CCIDA was party to \$22M of this project. This project was for a pump house in Hinsdale, NY. If New York State opens drilling and fracking in NYS we would no question have discussions in regards to project within Cattaraugus County.

-External (Points of Interest relating to the CCIDA):

- ✓ **County of Cattaraugus IDA Stakeholder Weekly Updates:** Update on COVID 19 with the weekly updates done by Corey Wiktor. Copies included.
- ✓ Zoom Meeting with Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul. A call to discuss when and if the NY-Pause will cease in our area by May 15th.
- ✓ **Buffalo Niagara Partnership Article:** "Request for export support from Buffalo Niagara Partnership". A business survey that will be complied and presented to ESD to express the business needs during this lockdown.
- ✓ **COVID 19 Survey:** "*COVID 19 Survey to be done by Cattaraugus County and also Invest Buffalo Niagara.*" 2 Additional surveys by Cattaraugus County and Invest Buffalo Niagara, to further the voice and need of WNY area businesses and trades.
- ✓ **WNY COVID 19:** "*Business Impact Survey by Invest Buffalo Niagara*".

- ✓ **US Chamber:** *"US Chamber 501(c) sign-on letter to Congress"*. We sent a letter of support on this letter to Congress.
- ✓ **NYS Budget:** *"Follow up, NYS Budget Webinar with unshackle Upstate & ABC"*. Discussion on the recent passage of the NYS 2020 Budget. Key item that will impact us is the passage of Prevailing wage which will be set to be required by IDA's on our projects starting in 2022.
- ✓ **Congressman Reed:** *"Follow up from Zoom with Congressman Tom Reed"*. Various follow ups to our weekly Zoom meetings.
- ✓ **Webisode COVID 19:** *"Federal Stimulus Details done via webisode on COVID 19 by Eventbrite scheduled for March 30, 2020."*
- ✓ **NYSEDC Executive Director:** *"Message from the NYSEDC Executive Director: NYSEDC members Washington needs to hear from you"*.
- ✓ **Upper Allegany Health Care:** *"Heroes then, heroes now, Olean General Hospital/Bradford Regional Medical Center article on COVID 19"*.
- ✓ **Business First Article:** *"Manufacturers in Cattaraugus County could earn Sales Tax breaks"*. An article relating to the newly created sales tax abatement program. We currently are working with 3 manufacturers who are looking to take advantage of this program.
- ✓ **State of Politics Article:** *"Bipartisan Letter Urges Aid for New York Dairy Farms"*. A very critical need to help NYS Farmers and the Ag. Industry.
- ✓ **NYSEDC Executive Director:** *"Message from the NYSEDC Executive Director Regarding New York State Budget"*. A follow on NYSEDC's summation of the passage and highlighted items that impact economic development programs. Please review.
- ✓ **Buffalo Niagara Partnership Article.** *"Advocacy Update: State Budget Summary"*. Further update from Buffalo Niagara Partnership on a "local" take of the items that were included and passed on in 2020 NYS Budget.
- ✓ **Cornell Chronicle:** *"Maps show New York counties' COVID 19 vulnerability"*. A very interesting article that was released by Cornell relating to maps and hotspots on where Covid-19 is prevalent in NYS.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** was made by Joseph Snyder seconded by Brent Driscoll to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. All in Favor – **Motion Carried.**

*** Next CCIDA Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 11:15 a.m. at the CCIDA Offices in Ellicottville, New York via Conference Call.**