

**COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 4, 2023  
CCIDA Offices  
9 East Washington Street  
Ellicottville NY 14731  
10:00 a.m. In Person or via Teleconference Call/Zoom**

**Roll Call:**    -Taken-

**Members**

**Present:**

Mr. Thomas Buffamante-Chairman  
Mr. Joseph Higgins  
Mr. Joseph Snyder  
Mr. Brent Driscoll  
Mr. Michael Wimer  
Mr. John Stahley

**Excused:**    Ms. Ginger Schroder

**CCIDA Staff/Counsel:**

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

**Presenters/Guests:**

Mr. David Trathen, CFO of Win-Sum Ski Corp.

Chairman, Thomas Buffamante called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

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

A **Motion** was made by Brent Driscoll seconded Joseph Higgins by to accept the Board Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2023 and April 5, 2023 as presented to the Board. All in favor. **Motion Carried.**

**\*Resolution from Prior Application/Project in Process\***

**(#1) Win-Sum Ski Corp.**

A Sale/Leaseback Application was received by the CCIDA on March 21, 2023. The project consists of equipment purchases to include, renovations at The Inn, IT software, Chair lift completion, snow guns, snow Cat, etc.

David Trathen, CFO with Win-Sum Ski Corp, was in attendance to give an overview of the proposed project, investment and to also give a quick recap of the 2022-23 Ski season.

**-The Total Project Investment: \$8,050,000.**

**Resolution:**

**A Motion was made by Joseph Higgins seconded by Brent Driscoll, RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY: (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF WIN-SUM SKI CORP., AND/OR INDIVIDUAL(S) OR AFFILIATE(S), SUBSIDIARY(IES), OR ENTITY(IES) FORMED OR TO BE FORMED ON ITS BEHALF (INDIVIDUALLY, AND/OR COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY") IN CONNECTION WITH A CERTAIN PROJECT DESCRIBED BELOW; (ii) APPOINTING THE COMPANY, OR ITS DESIGNEE, AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF THE PROJECT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY IN THE FORM OF A SALES TAX EXEMPTION BENEFIT FOR PURCHASES AND RENTALS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE PROJECT; AND (iv) AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF AN AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS. A Roll Call vote was taken, Mr. Buffamante, Mr. Driscoll, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Wimer and Mr. Stahley votes yes. Ms. Schroder, was excused. **Motion Carried** (Mr. Buffamante stated that his firm does business with Win-Sum Ski Corp., however he has no financial interest in the Company or this particular project.) (Mr. Wimer also stated that CCB does business with the Company, however, they have no financial interest in the Company or this particular project.)**

**\*CCIDA Financial Reports:**

**A Motion** was made by Brent Driscoll seconded by Michael Wimer to accept the April 2023 Operating Statement as presented to the Board. All in Favor Motion **Carried**.

April 2023 had income of **\$17,906.25** from one-half of the administrative fee from the Piece Steel project.

Mr. Wiktor have a general update on the Cimolai and Great Lakes projects as their progress. The Agency is also working on closing documents relating to twelve (12) active projects at this time. **These projects are projected to close within this year; several of these projects are in "Final Document" stages.**

## **Executive Directors Reports:**

### **-Internal (IDA Meetings/Discussions):**

- ✓ Meeting with Steelbound in Springville regarding expansion.
- ✓ Meeting with GLC in Franklinville with GLC.
- ✓ Attend Invest Buffalo Niagara Board Meeting in Buffalo.
- ✓ Zoom meeting with WGRZ regarding GLC.
- ✓ Meeting with DOT and Senator Kennedy in Buffalo regarding GLC.
- ✓ Meeting with WNY IDA Group.
- ✓ Meeting with Bob Dingman in Gowanda regarding Railroad properties.
- ✓ Meeting with Steelbound on expansion.
- ✓ Attend Cattaraugus County Economic Development meeting in Olean.
- ✓ Meeting with Mark Storch in Buffalo regarding GLC.
- ✓ Meeting with Biz Journal in Orchard Park.
- ✓ Meeting with potential buyer of Olean Office Building.
- ✓ Meeting with NYS Department of Financial Services.
- ✓ Meeting regarding Railroad right of way clearing.
- ✓ Meeting at GLC site.
- ✓ Meeting with Olean Business Development in Olean.
- ✓ Meeting at Ashford site for MRC.
- ✓ Meeting in Dayton regarding Rev Railroad.
- ✓ Meeting with Dave Fisk regarding Ontario Knife.
- ✓ Meeting with Mark Storch regarding Route 16 GLC project.

**Adjournment:**

A **Motion** was made by Brent Driscoll seconded by Joseph Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m. All in Favor – **Motion Carried**

**\* Next CCIDA Board of Directors Meeting: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 11:15 a.m. at the CCIDA Offices, 9 E. Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY, and also via Zoom.**