

**COUNTY OF OTSEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OTSEGO COUNTY CAPITAL RESOURCE CORPORATION**

**PROJECTS COMMITTEE
JANUARY 11th, 2024
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The COIDA and OCCRC's joint Projects Committee meeting was called to order at 8:10am at the Otsego Now offices at 189 Main Street in Oneonta, NY. Members present included:

James Seward (v)
David Rowley
Cheryl Robinson (v)
Patricia Kennedy

Jeffrey Lord
Andrew Marietta (v)
Craig Gelbsman
Tom Armao

Absent members:

Also, in attendance:

STAFF

Jody Zakrevsky, **CEO**
Meaghan Marino, **Director of Finance and Administration**

(v) – virtual

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Projects Chair, T. Armao, moved immediately into the agenda.

CEO REPORT OF PROJECTS

Richfield Springs: J. Zakrevsky reported that NYSEG has filed a petition with the Public Service Commission regarding the gas line extension and is awaiting a public hearing date. He also stated that he is waiting for approval on the DEC wetlands permit.

Oneonta Rail Yards: J. Zakrevsky explained that Southern Tier 8 is applying for grant funds and is interested in the agency's proposal to build a new building in the railyards. It could be used as offices for Otsego Now or an incubator space for the Innovation Center.

Midtel Update: J. Zakrevky updated the board on the status of the Midtel project in Cooperstown. The company planned to install Wi-Fi throughout downtown Cooperstown, but the IDA still does not have a grant agreement with the NYS Dormitory Authority. The Dormitory Authority has received all of the required documents and has forwarded it to the State. J. Zakrevsky explained that the IDA is waiting to receive funds from the Dormitory Authority in order to reimburse Midtel. A. Marietta noted that he is aware of other projects that are awaiting funds from the Dormitory Authority. He added that he believed the delay was due to a delay in Senate approval.

Brook's Bottling: J. Zakrevsky explained that Brook's Bottling has spent about \$268,000 in the past year and can request reimbursement from ESD. They are seeking additional funding for the next phase of their expansion.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no New/Unfinished Business for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Projects Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:36am.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Projects Committee meeting will be held on February 8th, 2024 at 8:00am.