

COUNTY OF OTSEGO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

June 27th, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair D. Rowley called to order the meeting of COIDA at 8:02am. Voting members present included:

Andrew Marietta	David Rowley
Jeffrey Lord (v)	Craig Gelbsman
Patricia Kennedy	Tom Armao
James Seward (v)	

Absent Board Member(s): Cheryl Robinson

Also, in attendance:

STAFF

Jody Zakrevsky, **CEO**
Jordan Allen, **Administrative Assistant**

GUESTS

Joe Scott, **Bond Counsel**
Chris Canada, **Bond Counsel**

(v) – virtual

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Vice chair, D. Rowley, welcomed fellow board members and staff to the June board meeting and moved immediately onto the agenda.

MEETING MINUTES

D. Rowley presented the meeting minutes from the May 23rd, 2024 COIDA board meeting. Board members were given a copy of the minutes prior to the meeting for review. P. Kennedy noted a correction to be made prior to approval. D. Rowley also presented the June 13th Audit & Finance Committee minutes.

T. Armao made a motion to approve the May 23, 2024 Board Meeting minutes with the noted corrections and the June 13th, 2024 Audit & Finance Committee Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by P. Kennedy and was approved by the remaining members present.

BILLS & COMMUNICATIONS

J. Zakrevsky explained that EDA has permitted a one-year time extension on the grant for infrastructure in the Richfield Springs Business Park. Documentation of this was received last week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Audit & Finance – The Audit & Finance Committee meeting was held on June 13th, 2024. J. Lord, Chair of the Committee, due to a lack of in-person quorum meeting was cancelled.
- Governance Committee – The Governance Committee meeting was held on April 11, 2024. The Governance Committee meets quarterly, and the next meeting will take place on August 8th, 2024.
- Projects Committee – The Projects Committee meeting was held on June 13th, 2024. D. Rowley, Vice Chair of the Committee, due to a lack of in-person quorum meeting was cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Housing Discussion with Joe Scott & Chris Canada: J. Scott was asked to attend the board meeting to discuss whether IDA's should be involved in housing. The lack of which has been an issue that continues throughout the state. He noted that NYS legislature doesn't see that IDA's should be involved. He stated what his firm is seeing now in the IDA's they represent is pressure for IDA's to be involved with the lack of housing and what can be done at federal, state, and local level. J. Scott noted that IDA's are very active in the housing area. Albany county IDA identified the 24/7 city, as a core to their mission which brought tremendous amount of housing projects into downtown area. J. Scott states it is up to the COIDA board to come up with a strategic vision and mission they would like to succeed in the realm of housing. The board was advised that to get involved in housing there needs to be a commercial element. Key factors include documentation, be at certain questions in the application or local/county wide studies.

Richfield Springs: J. Zakrevsky explained that he received an email from Department of Transportation, who is finishing up their review and shall grant COIDA a permit next week for a right of way from the entrance to the park from the highway. Also, the timeline extension from the EDA will be granted until 8/26/25. NYSEG had in administrative hearing with the public service commission about three weeks ago, the board still needs to approve it, but the project can proceed. T. Armao asked if we could anticipate by the end of the summer to be done. J. Zakrevsky answered for the water, sewer, and roadway improvements should be done, but he is unsure about the construction of the gas line. Lastly, the mayor, the town supervisor, and the two attorneys met 6/26/24 to discuss any last-minute differences on the agreements of water sewer district creations.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no Resolutions for this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

D. Rowley made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the IDA board at 9:05 am.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

- COIDA/OCCRC Audit & Finance Committee Meeting / Projects Committee Meeting/– July 11th, 2024
- COIDA/OCCRC Board Meeting – July 25th, 2024

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