

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

**PROJECTS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 12, 2019
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The COIDA's and OCCRC's joint Projects Committee meeting was called to order at 8:34am at the Otsego Now offices located at 189 Main Street, Suite 500, Oneonta, New York. Committee members present were:

Tom Armao
David Rowley
Craig Gelbsman

Patricia Kennedy
Jeffery Joyner
Jeffrey Lord

Also, in attendance:

STAFF

Jody Zakrevsky, **CEO**
Meaghan Marino, **Dir. of Finance and Admin.**

COUNSEL

Kurt Schulte, **Bond Counsel**

GUESTS

Tim Carpenter, **MRB Group**

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Projects Chair, Cheryl Robinson, was absent from the meeting. As such, T. Armao moved immediately into the agenda.

MEETING MINUTES

T. Armao requested a motion to approve the November 14th Project Committee meeting minutes. Committee members were given a draft copy of the minutes prior to the meeting for review. There being no corrections to be made, D. Rowley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. J. Joyner seconded the motion and the motion was approved by remaining board members.

CEO REPORT OF PROJECTS

J. Zakrevsky recapped some of his activities since the November Projects Committee meeting until now. He also provided members with a detailed update of some of the IDA's ongoing projects. The following

topics were discussed in greater detail:

- **Custom Electronics** – Custom Electronics has had several people from IOXUS apply for employment at their facility in the past few weeks. Also, Town Supervisor, Bob Wood, updated the NYS Dept. of Homes and Community Renewal on the progress that Custom Electronics is making. Annual reports to the NYSDHCR are due the first week of January.
- **Cooperstown WiFi** – The NYS Dormitory Authority approved two draft contracts; one between the IDA and MidTel, and the other between the IDA and the Village of Cooperstown. The agreements were also approved by the Village of Cooperstown and MidTel, for each of their respective contracts. The board will review and vote on approving the contracts at the December board meeting. The project will begin once both contracts are signed.
- **Oneonta Airport** – The IDA received \$20,000 reimbursement for the Oneonta Airport Study completed by McFarland Johnson. This project is now complete.
- **Energy** – There are two companies that would like to be considered to do an energy study for the Oneonta Rail Yards Business Park. J. Zakrevsky, the Chamber of Commerce, and Custom Electronics met with General Electric to discuss them doing a micro-grid study. If approved, NYS would provide funding for half of the study. LaBella Associates Engineers have also offered to prepare a Phase 1 micro-grid study for the Rail Yards and for the Oneonta Business Park. Southern Tier 8 has a federal grant that would pay for this study. J. Joyner suggested that the IDA not get involved in these studies and defer them back to the County's Energy Task Force. T. Armao countered that if Southern Tier 8 is going to pay for the LaBella study, we should encourage their involvement and help how we can. The Southern Tier 8 Board will ultimately decide if the LaBella study will move forward or not.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no new or unfinished business to attend to.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, P. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the projects committee meeting at 8:50am. J. Lord seconded the motion, and it was approved by remaining members.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Projects Committee meeting will be held on January 9th, 2020 at 8:00am.