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### Projects Committee Meeting June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 8:00 A.M.

Cheryl Robinson, Chair • Tom Armao, Vice Chair • Patricia Kennedy • Andrew Marietta Jeff Joyner • Jeff Lord • Craig Gelbsman • David Rowley • James Seward

Jody Zakrevsky, CEO • Meaghan Marino, Director of Finance and Administration • Joseph Scott, Bond Counsel • Kurt Schulte, Agency Counsel

- 1. Chairman's Comments
- 2. Marketing Campaign Discussion Chris Quereau, Vibrant Brands
- 3. Approval of May 12<sup>th</sup> Projects Committee Minutes
- 4. Review Project Trackers
- 5. Review Director's Report
- 6. New and Unfinished Business
  - Remote Access Policy
  - Springbrook Public Hearing Set for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.

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

### PROJECTS COMMITTEE May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

The COIDA and OCCRC's joint Projects Committee meeting was called to order at 8:34am at the Otsego Now offices at 189 Main Street in Oneonta, NY. Members present included:

Cheryl Robinson Andrew Marietta (v) Craig Gelbsman Tom Armao David Rowley James Seward

Also, in attendance:

### STAFF

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

(v) – virtual – because the open meeting law has expired, Andrew Marietta attended the meeting virtually, but was not counted towards a quorum and was not eligible to vote on items.

### CHAIR'S REMARKS

Projects Chair, C. Robinson, moved immediately into the agenda.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

C. Robinson requested a motion to approve the April 14<sup>th</sup> 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. C. Gelbsman 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 April Projects Committee meeting until now. He also provided members with a detailed update of some of the IDA's priority projects. The following topics were discussed in greater detail:

- <u>Oneonta Rail Yards –</u> J. Zakrevsky noted that he spoke with Senator Schumer's office who advised that the Oneonta Rail Yards is still being considered by Corning as the future home of their expansion. He advised that the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) has funds available for construction projects, so J. Zakrevsky submitted this site for water/sewer extensions. He also submitted on behalf of the Town of Oneonta for water/sewer extensions on the East-end of Oneonta to the Price Chopper plaza. C. Robinson asked if the geothermal study, being done by Rambol Engineers, had started. J. Zakrevsky advised that there was a scheduled virtual meeting with himself, Rambol, and NYSERDA, but it was day of the power outages, so they weren't able to hold it, but it has been rescheduled. There was a brief conversation regarding the repaving of the remainder of Roundhouse Road, but nothing was decided.
- <u>Richfield Springs (RS)</u> J. Zakrevsky advised that NYSEG is requesting usage loads for gas and electric to the site. The agency requested those numbers from Andela Products, who advised they would work on getting them. He also advised that he spoke with Joe Scott about his work on the memorandum of agreements for water usage between the Village and the Town of Richfield Springs. C. Robinson stated that the timeline of this project concerns her, particularly the grant deadline. J. Zakrevsky advised that EDA indicated that once we go out to bid on the project and have a firm construction schedule, they would grant an extension based on that. He advised that he would like to have the bid documents out by next month.

### **NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Systematic Power Manufacturing/IOXUS** J. Zakrevsky submitted this grant application to HCR on behalf of IOXUS, who responded with a series of questions about the project. He's working to get them the information needed ASAP.
- **PARIS Reporting/ABO** J. Zakrevsky advised the board that the ABO reached out to the agency to report items that were missing from the agency's webpage. Some of the documents requested date back to over 10 years ago, so finding them has been a challenge. After updating the website with a majority of the items requested, the ABO thanked agency staff.
- **Hickey Golf Inc.** J. Zakrevsky advised that there was a public hearing scheduled for this project on April 20th in the Town of Hartwick, but on the morning of Bob Hickey reached out to the agency to postpone the hearing because someone filed a grievance against the planning board. So until that issue is resolved, they asked to reschedule the public hearing. As of now, a new date has not been determined.
- **Solar** It appears that Nexamp is moving forward with their solar project at the Hartwick College campus and construction should begin this year. J. Zakrevsky advised that this is one of three solar projects in their early phases. Green Street Solar is looking at a project in 5mw facility in Cherry Valley and Borrego Solar is looking at a project in Worchester, but he doesn't have more details on that project. J. Zakrevsky advised that about six months ago he submitted to two proposals to the

board for Solar PILOT policies, as the IDA board has not adopted one. Because the IDA is getting more inquiries about solar PILOTs, he's requesting committee/board member review those policies so that they board can vote to approve one.

- **270 River St.** J. Zakrevsky advised the committee that the owner of a house at 270 River St. in Oneonta called about flooding in their backyard that they claim is from the Rail Yards. J. Zakrevsky went with the owner to the Rail Yards, who explained where the water used to drain. J. Zakrevsky explained to the committee that the railroad lies between the house and Rail Yards property and it's not clear that the flooding is coming from the IDA's property. He advised the owner to contact the City, who he alleged told him that it's not their property and he should call the IDA. J. Zakrevsky advised that he reached out to the City Administrator, Grag Mattice, who advised that he would have the Superintendent of Public Works speak with the owner.
- **Consolidated Funding Application** J. Zakrevsky advised that ESD's CFA process is now open and the agency is holding a virtual informational session for people/businesses in our county looking to apply. T. Armao asked when applications are being accepted until. M. Marino advised that the deadline is in July.
- USDA Rise Grant Application J. Zakrevsky provided members with a copy of the USDA RISE grant application that was done by the MRB Group, because P. Kennedy had requested it at a prior meeting.
- Senator Schumer C. Robinson asked about Senator Schumer's visit to the office to support the Innovation/Acceleration Center and asked if anything had come of that. J. Zakrevsky advised that he added Sen. Schumer's support letter into the packet for today's meeting. He also expressed enthusiasm for good rapport that has developed between the agency and Sen. Schumer's office.
- **Oneonta Business Park** C. Gelbsman questioned if there had been any activity with the vacant properties the IDA has. M. Marino advised that there are currently two interested parties in properties in the Oneonta Business Park. One would like to do an event center and the other is interested in a halal meat processing facility. M. Marino advised that the party interested in the event center was advised that she would need to go before the Town of Oneonta Zoning Board to acquire a variance to be allowed to build there. T. Armao suggested that the agency have a list of businesses approved to go into the business park before instructing someone to go before the ZBA. Assuming the ZBA approves this applicants variance, the applicant would still need to come back to the IDA board to determine if they wanted to sell them the property. T. Armao expressed concern that this isn't fair to the applicant. C. Gelbsman questioned why so much money was spent getting the Oneonta Business Park shovel-ready if applicants still have to go to the Town of Oneonta to get approval. J. Zakrevsky advised that in the section of the park that is in the Town of Oneonta, that any interested business cannot have an establishment that members of the public have access to as a retail establishment. C. Robinson suggested that if we have a disagreement with the established uses of the park, that the IDA should go before the ZBA or the Town and work those out and not send the applicants. She also noted that the IDA will have a hard time saying no to this applicants acquisition of the property if they've already gone before the ZBA to get their variance. M. Marino advised that the applicant is coming to meet with IDA staff before the ZBA meeting, so if this project is not something they'd like to see in the park, then the time to discuss that is at this meeting. J. Zakrevsky advised the main issue with this project, as he sees it, is that this project wouldn't create jobs. C. Gelbsman suggested that we shouldn't turn this applicant away - if they don't fit in the business park, where else could we suggest they build? J. Zakrevsky explained that the reason he advised her to go to the ZBA was because in their initial meeting she was willing to write a check for the appraisal price of the property. C. Robinson advised that if that's the case, the board should

be voting right now if they want to sell her that property. The committee determined that without sufficient information on what her business model is/will be they cannot make an adequate decision on if their business would be a good fit for the park. J. Zakrevsky advised that he would get all the particulars on her project at his next meeting with her. They also advised that they do not want this applicant going before the ZBA before the IDA board decides if it's an acceptable project for the park. For this project and future projects, C. Robinson requested a map of the park, where the applicant wishes to build, specs of the what the park is designed for, what the project is/purpose/use, so the IDA board can determine if it is a good fit. Should it be a good fit, she also added that the IDA should be taking the project to the ZBA, if a variance is required.

• **Barton & Loguidice** – Barton & Loguidice submitted a proposal to do grant writing work on behalf of the agency in the future. J. Zakrevsky sent the proposal to committee members to review. He added that it would be on a project-to-project basis. T. Armao advised that he supported the proposal, as J. Zakrevsky's time could be better spent elsewhere.

### ADJOURNMENT

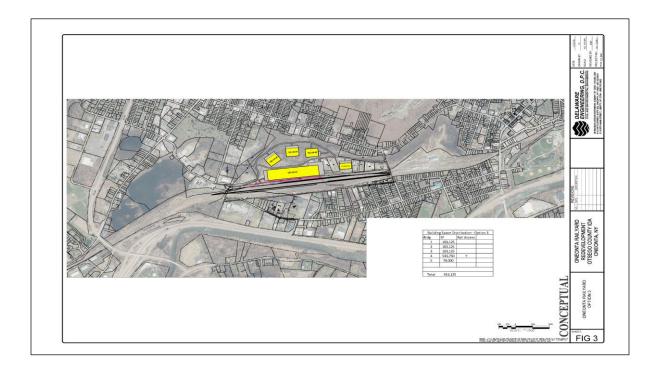
There being no further business to discuss, D. Rowley made a motion to adjourn the Projects Committee meeting at 9:30am.

### **UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Projects Committee meeting will be held on June 9th, 2022 at 8:00am.

## **Project Overview**

Project Title	Oneonta Railyards Development		
Project Description	Redevelopment of Oneonta Railyards		
	2021 Phase: Site Development While a generic environmental impact assessment has been performed on the site, no realistic site plan has been developed with could be used to market the "buildable" lots to perspective businesses. This project will develop a "master plan" for the entire site which will include buildable lots, parking lots, retention ponds, walkways and utility layouts.		
Key Objectives for 2022	<ul> <li>Clean Up Lot 5</li> <li>Commence Community Geo-Thermal Heat Pump Feasibility Study</li> <li>Market the Park Using Opportunity Exchange</li> </ul>		
Target Completion Date	Ongoing		
Estimated Total Investment	\$5,200,000		
Owner	Jody Zakrevsky		
Stakeholders	City of Oneonta, Otsego Now, NYS ESD		
Status	Active		
Project Flags/Concerns	Site Contamination – low risk		



## **IDA Objective ROI**

Employment Impact	50-100 new jobs
IDA Revenue (One-Time)	NA
IDA Revenue (Recurring)	\$x (lease of 5 buildings)
Business Relationship Impact	Moderate
Community Engagement Impact	Moderate As part of a ongoing community engagement effort, a Environmental Justice Committee has be organized and meets on a regular basis to review the master plan development.

## Partnerships

Project Partnerships	Michael N'Dolo, MRB Group Jane Nicholson, MRB Group Judy Pangman, City Community Development Danny Lapin, Otsego County Conservation Association Mark Davies, City Councilman Kevin Schultz, City Environmental Review Board Karl Seeley, Hartwick College Barbara Ann Heegan, Chamber of Commerce Katherine O'Donnell, Hartwick College
Post Project Partnerships	

## **Grant Management**

Grant ID	Project# 132,929	
Grant Amount	\$500,000	
Source Agency	NYS Empire State Development	
Details	Grant funds are for acquisition and infrastructure investments	
Requirements	Grant Funds can only account for 20% of total project costs.	
Expiration Date	Fall 2022	

## **Budget and Funding**

Project Expenses	Target Amount	YTD Actual	Grant Funding Amount	YTD Actual
Acquisition	ition \$250,000		\$	\$250,000
			\$	
Site Master Plan	\$50,000 - planned \$32,800 – awarded	\$32,800	\$	\$32,800
			\$	
Infrastructure Improvements	\$4,600,000		\$ 500,000* \$2.3 million**	
TOTALS	\$5,250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$0

\*Awarded by NYS ESD \*\* Planned application to Federal EDA

## Project Milestones: Master Plan Development

Project Milestones	Target Start	Target End	Status	Actual Start	Actual End
Engineering Proposals	2/20/20	2/20/20	Completed	3/26/20	
Railyard Master Plan Development	4/1/20	8/1/20	100% Completed	4/9/20	8/28/20
Marketing of Property	9/1/20	Ongoing			
Commence Community Geo-Thermal Study	4/1/22	5/1/23	Just Commenced		
Clean Up Site 5	8/15/22	9/15/22			
Total Project					

## **Activity Log**

Date	Activity Details
6/8/2022	Zoom meeting with Rob Meimeier/Chase Mendez Totoris/Steve Grgas of Ramboll Engineers and Kerry Hogan of NYSERDA to discuss feasibility study of Geothermal Community Heat Pump System.

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6/6/2022	Contacted Gannon Murphy, General Manager of Cinelease Studios to let him know what benefits the IDA could provide should they located in the Oneonta Railyards. Cinelease Studios is a unique studio management team that was created as a natural extension of the respected Cinelease and Herc Entertainment names. They have studios in Georgia, New Jersey, Brooklyn, Pittsburg and California. They are considering a location in upstate NY.
5/9/22	Project was submitted to NYS ESD who are looking for potential projects in the Mohawk Valley that might benefit from a potential Bond Act proposed by the Governor.
4/29/22	Spoke with Amanda Spellicy of Senator Schumer's office and she indicated that Corning is still considering the railyards for future growth.
4/1/22	Railyards was submitted for additional funding request for infrastructure funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission.
3/28/22	Received revised insurance from Robinson Contracting naming the IDA as additional insurance while using lot 5 as a staging area. Upon completion of street reconstruction, they will bury debris and regrade property.
3/7/22	Spoke again with Al Rubin. Went through in a little more detail their plans for the site. They expect to have a proposal to us by the end of the week. Mamco, who currently does hemp manufacturing, also might be involved. Belpointe is working with farmers from the Finger Lakes Region and having rail access at the site would be very beneficial. The are also interested in the work Ramboll will be doing.
2/15/22	Al Rubin of Evolution 19, Inc., reached out to indicated that Belpointe REIT is still very interested in purchasing property at the railyards. I asked him to get a proposal from them as to what they what to do (i.e. investment, jobs being created, feasibility study).
1/5/22	Senator Schumer issues press release that he is urging the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Department of Defense to give full and fair consideration of the proposal submitted by Corning Incorporated to expand domestic industrial base capabilities for bioproduction and diagnostic consumables production
January 2022	Discussions with MRB Group about building our innovation/acceleration center in the Railyards.
12/28/21	Ozone Capital Markets contacted us looking for information on the Oneonta Railyards. OCM is a qualified opportunity zone investment group out of NYC who brings in investors to opportunity zone projects. They are asking what our Internal Rate of Return and Multiple on Invested Capital on the railyards.
12/21/21	The Oneonta City Council authorizing the installation of two new streetlights on Roundhouse Road.
12/2/21	Discussions with Corning Senior Staff and Senator Schumer's Office

11/18/21	Discussion with Senator Schumer's staff regarding a proposal to Corning
11/17/21	Met with A. Rubin, Assemblyman Miller and Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Salka to discuss the Innovation/Acceleration Center and infrastructure needs on Oneonta Railyards.
11/11/21	Reached out to David Whipple of ESD about getting the railyard certified as shovel ready.
11/2/21	Discussion with Dawn Burlew of Corning re: new campus.
10/28/21	Meeting with Senator Oberacker re: Railyards
10/22/21	Discussion with Senator Schumer's staff regarding a proposal to Corning
10/18/21	Discussion with Corning's Oneonta Plant Manager re: new campus
10/8/21	Provided letters of support to MVEDD and Southern Tier 8's grant application to EDA.
10/7/21	Provide to MVEDD what the anticipated cost for final design and bidding documents for the infrastructure improvements (\$780,000).
10/6/21	Met with A. Rubin, Assemblyman Miller and Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Salka to discuss the Innovation/Acceleration Center and infrastructure needs on Oneonta Railyards. Assemblyman Miller called to set up a future meeting in November.
9/28/21	At the request of MVEDD, supplied detailed budgets of the cost for water, sewer, and natural gas extensions to the Park (MRB Group estimates) as well as upgrading the electrical (NYSE&G estimate).
9/22/21	Meeting with Southern Tier 8 re: EDA Build Back Better Program Meeting and to including the Oneonta Railyards for EDA funding
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9/15/21	Submitted a request to the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District to build the required infrastructure at the Oneonta Business Park.
9/14/21	Submitted formal request to fund building an Innovation/Acceleration Center in the Oneonta Business Park. Total cost for new building and infrastructure is estimated to be \$9.6 million.
9/8/21	Meeting with Southern Tier 8 re: EDA Build Back Better Program Meeting and to including the Oneonta Railyards for EDA funding
9/2/21	Meeting with Southern Tier 8 re: EDA Build Back Better Program Meeting and to including the Oneonta Railyards for EDA funding.

8/23/21	NYS ESD indicated to Meaghan that they have received all required documents and will be scheduling a public hearing on reimbursement of \$150,000 in October.
8/23/21	We were contacted by a new project manager for ESD and after several discussions with her she agreed to have Jane Ji (Meaghan's contact) continue with project.
8/6/21	Asked Scott Harrington to give me a time we can get together.
8/5/21	Meeting with Hartwick College Grain Innovation Center staff, Al Rubin and representatives of Belpointe.
7/31/21	Scott Harrington, City Council member, let me know he has talked with Norfolk Southern about the business park.
7/30/21	Received notice from Ramboll Engineers that our proposal for a geo-thermal community heat pump system around the railyards was awarded by NYSERDA.
6/30/21	Send description of industrial park along with drone photos for developer's conference workshop.
6/21/21	Received 5 air photos from Chris.
6/11/21	Requested of Chris Kuhn to take photos of industrial park with drone.
6/3/21	Meeting with representatives of Belpointe and their agriculture consultant.
5/26/21	Arranged meeting with Belpointe to tour the Railyards on 6/3/21 followed up by a discussion at Otsego Now with CADE and the Small Business Development Council.
5/22/21	Al Rubin indicated that Belpointe REIT, an investment group from Connecticut will be arriving the first week in June to look at the Park for a possible investment in a hemp manufacturing facility.
5/21/21	Sent to Al Rubin additional information on Opportunity Zones.
5/11/21	Sent information on site plan, potential rail siding, and utilities to Cynthia Andela who is working with the Infinite Recycled Technologies out of Minnesota. Their facility not only recycles a variety of glass, it also houses a recycled product research and development lab where a team of engineers and recycling specialists continue to invent more effective and efficient ways to recycle. They are working with Andela Products and Ruby Lakes Glass and need rail siding to ship glass from Minnesota to New York.
5/6/21	Sent draft support letter to Chamber of Commerce and IGA Committee
5/6/21	Received letter of support from Chamber of Commerce
5/6/21	Sent site plan and information on the Opportunity Exchange to A. Rubin.
5/4/21	Meeting with Ramboll Engineers and Bennett Sandler to discuss grant application to NYSERDA for community geo-thermal heating and cooling system.
5/3/21	Send information on Opportunity Zones and environmental review of the railyards to A. Rubin who has a client interested in railyards.

Meeting with Ramboll Engineers and Bennett Sandler to discuss grant application
to NYSERDA for community geo-thermal heating and cooling system.
Sent additional information to the energy group at Corning regarding building a community geo-thermal heat and cooling system as well as providing additional information on the Oneonta Railyards as a possible new campus for Corning.
Meeting with Ramboll Engineers and Bennett Sandler to discuss grant application to NYSERDA for community geo-thermal heating and cooling system.
Scheduled meeting with Ramboll Engineers for meeting next week to discuss a community geo-thermal heating and cooling system for the park.
Danielle Adams of ESD reached out to get status update of their funds and was informed we were trying to get Corning to show interest. She indicated she would check back later this summer.
John Faso, representing Mesa Solutions would like to bring in natural gas (CNG or LNG) to the railyards by rail.
Mr. Morse indicated he would talk with Dawn Burlew of Corning.
Met with Mayor Herzig regarding new campus for Corning.
Sent Mr. Morse a presentation regarding building at the Oneonta Railyards and its benefits to companies.
Had discussion with Mr. Morse about new campus.
Reached out to Mike Morse of ESD re: new Corning Campus.
Responded to NYS ESD regarding the status of the railyard redevelopment.
Met with representative of hemp stalk processing company.
A representative of a hemp stalk processing and manufacturing facility contacted us. They have been looking to expand in about 5 locations one being in the Buffalo area but after having a discussion with here they thought being in the Rail Yard was intriguing to them. They would be in the beginning look at building approximately 45,000 square feet roughly 25 employees
Had discussion again with Dawn Burlew of Corning about the possibility of having them purchase the railyards for a new building since it is in an opportunity zone. This could be the site of a new Corning Campus.
Meeting with City Councilman Scott Harrington re: Oneonta Railyards
Meeting with Bennett Sandler and Ramboll Engineers
Reached out to Melany Putnam of NYSEG re: community geo-thermal system
Contacted by Joseph Russo of NYSE&G re: potential marketing grant funds
Bennett arranges meeting with Ramboll Engineers who are per-certified to work on feasibility studies for NYSERDA

12/7/20	Sent Bennett revised site plan for railyards
12/3/20	Discussed with Bennett Sandler the idea of a community geo-thermal heating and cooling system
11/18/20	Scott Harrington, City of Oneonta 6th Ward Councilman, has contacted us and asked that he could serve on a committee recommending types of businesses to attract to the Railyard Business Park. We asked Scott to chair the committee which is to be formed.
11/17/20	Site included in Opportunity Zone Available Property Listings.
11/12/20	Peter Fontana of Norfolk Southern (their Industrial Development Manager) also contacted us and felt it was time to reconnect on this and any other efforts that Norfolk Southern can be of assistance.
9/29/20	Documentation submitted to ESD regarding payment to Elan3 for MWBE work. ESD's MWBE Unit has approved documentation and signed off on the entire \$180,000 in grant funds.
8/28/20	Received final deliverables from the MRB Group.
8/27/20	Additions to the Railyard Master Plan summary email from below: Sewer Line: After considerable digging around and calling, MRB was able to speak several times with the DPW and sewer department administrative personnel (Maryann and indirectly with Jeremy). MRB have been assured that the sewer line show on the map as coming in from the eastern boundary of the business park is publicly owned and maintained. Existing Structures: Elan's response on this is, "Perhaps the standing chimney could be left as an iconic feature but most likely would be removed to accommodate new facility foot-prints. MRB would apply a concept level budgeting cost for hazardous material testing and demolition at \$40,000. MRB suggests next step would be hazardous materials testing, demolition permit, and demolition documents for bidding the removal work."
8/20/20	<ul> <li>Response to our Questions:</li> <li>Water and Sewer Lines – see the attached draft layout plan that shows the locations of the water and sewer lines.</li> <li>As a follow up, you asked us to verify whether the sewer lines shown on the map coming from the eastern edge are private or public lines. I am asking Elan to verify this information for you.</li> <li>Subdivision layout – as we discussed, the subdivision layout lines are simply to show where the lots could logically be subdivided. We would not suggest moving forward with the subdivision until an end user is identified, because the ultimate location and size of the buildings will drive the subdivision. (No sense moving forward now to only have to redo it potentially in the future.)</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>You asked me about the existing, obsolete structures on the site and whether the demolition and removal of those structures was contemplated in this master plan. Specifically, you mentioned that there was a 200ft smokestack, a few dilapidated buildings and concrete debris, and that the presence of these materials inhibits the upkeep of the site (can't get someone to brush hog the site with debris that could destroy the machines).</li> <li>Asking Elan to weigh in here as well – what are your thoughts on this aspect of the master plan? If Jody wanted to phase this and just deal with demolition/removal, what do you think that would cost? Any other steps to move this forward?</li> </ul>
8/17/20	Sent comments and questions back to the MRB Group regarding water and sewer line locations.
8/13/20	MRB Group sends the Railyards draft subdivision plan documents for our review, consisting of a map showing lots and the zoning analysis.
8/5/20	Mayor Herzig expressed his appreciation for reviewing the presentation.
8/5/20	We received paid invoices from Elan3 needed to request reimbursement from ESD.
7/29/20	Forwarded MRB Presentation to Mayor Herzig for comments.
7/23/20	MRB gives presentation to Otsego Now Board of Directors.
7/22/20	MRB submits draft budget estimates for road, water, sewer. Electric and natural gas extensions.
6/22/20	Zoom meeting with MRB Group, Jody and Meaghan to discuss mapping of utility information.
6/18/20	The MRB Group requested utility information (gas, water, sewer) from us. We supplied them with maps received from one of the city council members who serves on our Environmental Justice Committee.
6/4/20	ESD again responded after careful review and discussing further within their office, they can combine our projects. Regarding the disbursement process for AA609, OCSD can sign off once they receive form OCSD-1 for AA609.
6/2/20	ESD thanked us for providing a formal request for combining project AA609 & AB198. ESD approved the request and have combined projects on the NYSCS and copied our project managers to apprise them of this change.
6/1/20	We requested from ESD that AB198 be merged into project AA609. AB198 was for the traffic study portion of AA609, the Oneonta Railyard feasibility and master plan. I We also attached a signed copy of the contract with the MRB Group for their files.
5/29/20	Zoom meeting with MRB Group, Jody and Meaghan and members of the Environmental Justice Committee
5/22/20	Zoom meeting with MRB Group, Jody and Meaghan

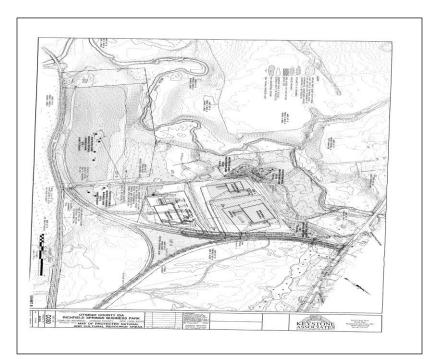
5/15/20	Zoom meeting with MRB Group, Jody and Meaghan
5/11/20	Zoom meeting with MRB Group and Regional Director of EDA regarding additional appropriations EDA received from the stimulus funding.
5/6/20	Zoom meeting with MRB Group and Elan Planning to start discussions on master plan work.
4/9/20	Forwarded signed contract to MRB Group to begin master plan work.
4/3/20	Notified MRB Group by telephone about the Board's decision to award the work to MRB.
3/23/20	Otsego Now Board of Directors approves contract with MRB Group for Master Plan work.
3/6/20	Recommended approval of Master Plan to MRB Group to both Finance and Projects Committee.
2/27/20	Met with Environmental Justice/Smart Growth Committee. They are also reviewing engineering proposals. Finalizing Plans for April cleanup days.
2/24/20	Received two quotes for insurance coverage. We have decided to go with Philadelphia Insurance Company which provides higher limits than Nationwide with a minimum premium of \$300. It will cover approximately 24 people over a two-day period.
2/20/20	We received proposals from Shumaker Engineering and the MBR Group to prepare master plan for Railyard Business Park
2/20/20	Requested insurance quotes for volunteer weekend.
1/28/20	ESD indicated they would consider transferring the 205 MWBE requirement to this grant to satisfy their requirements.
1/27/20	Sent request to MBR Group to also consider for master plan work.
1/24/20	Sent additional information to Shumaker Engineering.
1/17/20	LaBella Associates informs us that the Oneonta Business Park/Railyards was selected as a demonstration site for the Southern Tier 8 Energy Infrastructure Assessment Program.
1/17/20	Meet with Shumaker Engineering in Binghamton to discuss the possibility of hiring firm for master plan and subdivision of property.
1/7/20	The Otsego County IGA Committee recommended that Southern Tier 8 select Otsego Now's proposal submitted to LaBella Associates.
1/27/19	LaBella Associates requested certain documents and maps of both parks. Otsego Now forwarded 8 documents and maps to them.



## **Project Overview**

Project Title	Richfield Spring Eco-Business Park		
Project Description	Development of Richfield Spring Eco-Business Park to accommodate Crystal Mountain Properties will develop a 22-acre business Park in Richfield Springs Otsego County with 85,000 square feet of manufacturing space in two separate buildings to house Ruby Lake Glass and Andela Products business expansions.		
	2022 Phase: Site Development The project will consist of site preparation and extension of necessary utilities to the Park, including site clearing and earthwork, construction of an access road, installation of a wastewater collection system, and extension of water service, a gas main, and electrical service.		
Key Objectives	<ul> <li>Prepare Site for Sale or Lease</li> <li>Provide for at least 3 new businesses to relocate or expand into the Richfield Springs Business Park</li> </ul>		
Target Completion Date	August 30, 2022		
Estimated Total Investment	\$2,400,000		
Owner	Jody Zakrevsky		
Stakeholders	Andela Products/Ruby Lakes Glass, NYS ESD		
Status	Active		
Project Flags/Concerns	Concerns of bid prices due to covid-19 and inflation Concerns over NYSE&G getting public service commission approval.		

Insert any land maps as appropriate relating to the project here.



## **IDA Objective ROI**

Employment Impact	15 new jobs
IDA Revenue (One-Time)	\$250,000 (sale of site) To Be Determine by Appraisal
IDA Revenue (Recurring)	\$ To Be Determined – vacant sites could be leased to companies
Business Relationship Impact	Low Enhancing relationship with Ruby Lakes Glass/Andela Products
Community Engagement Impact	Low Village and town communication through project process.

## Partnerships

Project Partnerships	Brett Steinberg, Project Engineer, EDA Michael N'Dolo, MRB Group Alyson Slack, MRB Group Cynthia Andela, Andela Products Jonathan Gross, Ruby Lake Glass Ken Ellsworth, Keystone Associates Mark Parker, Keystone Associates Richfield Springs Town Board Richfield Springs Village Board
Post Project Partnerships	IDA, the Village, the Town and Andela Products and Ruby Lake Glass

## **Grant Management**

Grant ID	93220 (ESD) 01-01-14979 (EDA)
Grant Amount	\$325,000 – NYS ESD \$1.2 million – federal EDA
Source Agency	NYS Empire State Development and federal EDA
Details	Grant funds are for sewer and water infrastructure
Requirements	Grant Funds can only account for 70% of total project costs.
Expiration Date	December 9, 2021

## **Budget and Funding**

Project Expenses	Target Amount	YTD Actual	Grant Funding Amount	YTD Actual
Administrative and Legal Expenses	\$59,000		\$325,000 - ESD* \$1,200,000 - EDA**	
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$18,000			
Construction Supervision and Grants Management	\$100,000		\$875,000 – IDA***	
Construction	\$1,910,000			
Contingencies	\$313,000			
TOTALS	\$2,400,000		\$2,400,000	

\*Approved

\*\*Approved

\*\*\*IDA will need to borrow \$600,000.

Does not account for any sale of property.

## **Project Milestones**

Project Milestones	Target Start	Target End	Status	Actual Start	Actual End
Response to ESD Request for MWBE	1/17/20	1/212/20	Completed		1/21/20
EDA Application Submission	1/15/20	4/1/20	Completed	1/15/20	4/21/20
EDA Approval	8/1/20	8/1/20	\$1.2 Million Grant Approved	08/28/20	02/28/23
Water and Sewer District Creation	10/14/20	3/15/21	Started	10/14/20	
Submission of Grant Administration Plan	10/6/20	10/28/20	Started	10/6/20	10/23/20
Completion of Final Design	10/14/20	2/15/21	Completed		
RFP for Construction Management	5/15/2022	6/30/2022	On Track		

Project Milestones	Target Date	Target End	Status	Actual Date	Actual End
RFP for Grant Management	2/15/21	2/15/21	Hired Barton&Logi.	11/24/21	
Completion of Water and Sewer District	5/30/2022		Joe Scott working on this.		
Preparation of Bidding Documents	6/3/21	7/15/21		2/15/22	
County Loan	6/2/21	12/15/22			
All Permits Approved	2/15/21	4/15/21			
Bid Construction	6/30/2022				
Construction Contract Award	7/15/2022				
Pre-Construction Conference	8/15/2022				
Construction	8/16/2022				

## Activity Log

5/23/2022	Kurt Schulte is having title insurance prepared for the Richfield Springs property in order for him to sign a required EDA document that we have good title to the property. Once to title insurance is obtained and Kurt signs the required documents, the full bidding package can be forwarded to EDA for their approval.
5/23/2022	We are applying for a \$500,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant to assist with lowering the IDA cash commitment for the project. Applications are due in July with awards by September.
5/6/22	Baron & Loguidice responded to my request to check with Keystone Engineers and see if their bidding documents included the gas main. They will get back to me.
4/26/22	EDA Federal Financial Report Completed and Filed with EDA.
4/18/22	Cyndy Andela responded to my request for NY:SEG numbers and indicated she is reaching out to her Energy providers (Harbor Point and NYSEG) to see if she can get some assistance in putting together the information in the format that NLYSEG wants.
4/15/22	EDA Quarterly Report Completed and Filed with EDA.

4/6/2022	EDA reminder that quarterly reports are due at end of May.
4/5/2022	Asked NYSE&G if they are working with NYS PSC.
3/10/2022	Barton & Loguidice ready to bid out project.
3/2/22	Mark Parker of Keystone Associates reached out to Barton & Loguidice to inform them that final designs are complete and are ready to be bid out.
3/1/22	Barton & Loguidice confirmed they talked with EDA and the construction contracts must be with the IDA.
3/1/22	Cyndy Andela provided us with current and projected electric and natural gas usage loads. These were then provided to NYSEG and Barton & Loguidice.
2/28/22	Joe Scott reached out to see if we wanted to have the Town enter into the construction contract. I told him I didn't think we could given that the grant was awarded to the IDA.
2/17/22	Barton & Loguidice reached out to see if we had received estimates from Andela Products yet.
2/16/22	Kurt Schulte reached out to the Village and Town attorneys to inform them that Joe Scott will be working with them on the water and sewer agreements.
2/15/22	Again, reached out to Cyndy Andela regarding gas and electrics usage.
2/2/22	Richfield Town Attorney reached out to Kurt Schulte with draft water and sewer agreements.
2/1/22	Requested from Cyndy Andela new estimates for loads for both electric and natural gas.
1/31/22	Submitted formal request to NYSE&G for lateral hookup.
1/31/22	Mary Putnam of NYSEG requested Art Klingler of NYSEG to work with the engineering department to create new estimates to provide to Otsego Now.
1/27/22	Daniel reached out to me to get our NYSEG contacts so they can follow up on the gas lateral installation.
1/27/22	EDA signed off on our quarterly report.
1/26/22	Daniel E. Theobald, of Barton & Loguidice, reached out to Keystone to arrange for construction and bidding documents and schedules.
1/26/22	Daniel completed 5 <sup>th</sup> quarterly report for my review, and after a few revisions it was forward to EDA.
1/26/22	Based on the revised projected time schedule, we notified NYS ESD about the proposed delay in finishing the project until 2023.
1/24/22	NYS ESD called to review timeline of project since they are still working with Andela Products and ESD wants to coordinate the timelines.

1/21/22	Met with K. Shulte about the water and sewer districts and how they would be			
	funded.			
1/14/22	Ruby Lake Glass is now moving out of the Utica facility since it was sold. All their equipment is in storage and they're trying to figure out plans for getting it set up again in another location for glass processing in the spring. They continue talks with Integrated Recycling Technologies (from MN). IRT went to FL first, since Andela didn't have a location and they had a site and waste glass there. They are still planning on putting a plant in upstate NY, and Andela continues working with them on that plan.			
12/9/21	Town Board passes resolution directing town attorney to complete water and sewer agreements.			
12/6/21	Forwarded contract information to Barton&Loguidice for attorneys being used, EDA contacts and Keystone Associates.			
11/26/21	Request from Barton&Loguidice for additional documents			
11/24/21	Signed contracts with Barton&Loguidice			
11/22/21	Received cost for additional work requested of Barton&Loguidice			
11/9/21	Received required forms by Keystone to submit to EDA			
10/29/21	Submitted Quarterly Progress and Budget Report to EDA			
10/15/21	Spoke with Allyson Nowak and submitted formal request for contract.			
10/14/21	Reviewed RFPs with Project Committee			
10/13/21	Asked Allyson Nowak of ESD where our ESD contact is – no response.			
10/8/21	Mark Parker from Keystone called to apologize for the delays. He indicated that our project was a priority to finish up but they have been shut down due to a covid outbreak in their office. He indicated that it was now on the top of their list.			
10/5/21	Asked Keystone for an update – no response.			
10/5/21	Asked Allyson Nowak of ESD where our ESD contact is – no response.			
10/1/21	Met with Kurt Schulte regarding water and sewer districts.			
9/29/21	<ul> <li>Spoke with EDA about our request for proposals which were sent to:</li> <li>Ramboll Engineers</li> <li>Thoma Development</li> <li>McFarland Johnson Engineers</li> <li>GEMS Grants</li> <li>CT Male Associates</li> <li>Barton and Loguidice</li> <li>JG Grant Consulting LLC</li> <li>Of these, we only received proposals back from CT Male and Barton and Loguidice.</li> </ul>			

	He asked for us to get back to him with a recommendation.			
9/28/21	Asked Keystone for an update – no response.			
9/15/21	Answered various questions from one of the consultants.			
8/27/21	Received two proposals to administer the garnt.			
8/23/21	Advertised for grant administrator.			
8/16 -8/20/21	Conducted discussions with various grant administrators regarding the project.			
8/13/21	Various emails from Town Supervisor, board members and County Representative regarding water and sewer. It was agreed to forward documents to each attorney and Kurt to finalize agreements.			
8/12/21	Reached out to eight consulting firms to see it they had any experience in administering EDA grants.			
8/9/21	Cindy Andela indicated she would get the purchase offer to her attorney this week.			
8/5/21	Received approval from EDA for RFP			
8/4/21	Submitted revised RRP to EDA			
8/3/21	Met with Mark Parker of Keystone Associates to discuss EDA requirements for bidding, having them come up with a bidding schedule, ROW's needed, and construction documents status.			
8/2/21	Received approval of our quarterly progress report from EDA.			
7/29/21	Submitted 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarterly progress report to EDA.			
7/22/21	Forwarded draft water and sewer agreements to Kurt Schulte.			
7/16/21	Spoke with EDA about draft RFP and received comments from the on what else to include.			
7/8/21	Attended Village and Town Meeting on water and sewer districts.			
7/8/21	Submitted draft RFP to EDA			
7/6/21	Notified EDA of county loan and discussions regarding Andela Products.			
7/2/21	EDA requests next quarterly reports for July 31 <sup>st</sup> .			
6/24/21	Had a discussion with NYSE&G to begin process with Public Service Commission.			
6/14/21	<ul> <li>EDA wants: 1. SAC#23 Grant Administration Agreement (are you hiring a grant administrator?)</li> <li>2.SAC#28 A/E Agreement for reimbursement from EDA.</li> <li>3.SAC#29 Project Inspection</li> <li>For an amendments</li> </ul>			

	<ul> <li>Reason for the delay (an explanation of the Recipient's inability to complete or start work by the specified date in the grant award documents)</li> <li>The amount of time needed to bring the project back into compliance (i.e. when you expect to start construction by, when you expect to be complete by if the end date is affected, etc.)</li> <li>A statement demonstrating that the bona-fide need for the project still exists. The bona-fide need is what brought the project to EDA. If the need no longer exists then continuation of the project is no longer necessary.</li> <li>A statement that no further delay is anticipated and that you will start and complete the project within the revised time schedule.</li> </ul>	
6/11/21	Sent final contract documents to EDA	
6/3/21	CEO signed contact with Keystone Engineering in the amount (not to exceed) \$23,025 for construction and bidding documents.	
6/3/21	June 17th will be the first meeting of the "Water-Sewer District Committee". A meeting will be held every week until the Town and Village get the documents in a condition that they can all support and then start the process to create the district.	
6/2/21	The Otsego County Board of Representatives approved a interest free \$600,000 loan to the IDA to be repaid by 12/15/22.	
5/20/21	The Otsego County Administrative Committee recommended a loan to the County IDA in the amount of \$600,000 (interest free) for a one-year period.	
5/11/21	Cindy Andela called to say the building she leases in Utica has just sold and the closing will be in four months. She needs to find a place asap to move Ruby Lakes Glass. She also indicated that she does not have the required cash match for the SBA 504 loan. She is willing to sign a purchase offer on the property with the condition that the park infrastructure is built and an appraisal in done to confirm the purchase price.	
5/11/21	Attended the Otsego County IGA Committee meeting to discuss borrowing \$600,000 from the County's Cares Act Funding. Allen Ruffles indicated that they have received over \$20 million in requests and all of those requests should be reviewed by the County and priorities voted on. He also indicated that he didn't think building a new industrial park would qualify under the Cares Act. After much discussion, the IGA unanimously recommended approving a \$600,000 one year, interest free, loan to the IDA taking funding from the County's fund balance. It will go to the full board for approval on June 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	
5/10/21	Allyson Nowak of ESD called to indicate they could not increase the grant amount.	
5/6/21	Cindy Andela gave a summary update of where she is with her bank. Still looking at giving a SBA 504 loan.	
5/5/21	Allen replied that the proposal looked good to him and needed to take it to the IGA Committee.	

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EDA responded that they have no reason to object to the consideration of a time extension in the future once a more definitive timeline is known but at this time, they would much prefer that we advance the project to avoid further delay. They recognize that we must fund the remaining design work and they would certainly work with you on an extension in the future once plans and specs are complete and ready for advertisement. They indicated it is too soon to submit a time extension request, but please do contact them when our timeline is more certain, and we can discuss the next steps. Any funds that we will not be able to utilize toward design due to the circumstances can be shifted around in the budget and either moved to construction or the other budget line items if additional funds are needed in those categories. They asked we please continue to advance the grant expeditiously to avoid further delay. Once we have our matching share issues resolved please keep them apprised of the outcome.	
and three town board members in er districts and status of project.	
Senator Oberacker reached out to the Utica Office of ESD.	
Sent to EDA quarterly report on Richfield Springs Business Park.	
Cynthia Andela called to say she was meeting with her bankers the following day.	
Keystone Associates sent a proposal to complete construction and bidding documents for the project. The fee is \$23,025.	
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bank was interested in participating if	
\$ 363,100.	
Cynthia replied that Otsego Now should reach out to Congressman Delgado for more funding and that Senator Schumer indicated there was funding under the recovery act.	
Made an offer to Cynthia to split the cost of the water and sewer improvements costing each of us \$600,000.	
igault.	
Had telephone conversation with Nick Palevsky, Town Supervisor, and Jim Hughes from Handcock and Estabrook (town attorney).	

3/5/21	Had further discussions with Cynthia Andela.		
2/19/21	Cynthia Andela updated that she is having her accounts get materials to banks.		
2/18/21	Sent final drafts of water and sewer agreements to Larry Frigault to send to Village and Town Board members.		
2/15/21	Attend Town of Richfield Board Meeting to discuss process for water and sewer districts.		
1/29/21	Submitted Quarterly Progress Report No. 1 to EDA outlining lack of match for grant at this time.		
1/28/21	Larry Frigault summarized his discussions with the Mayor about rates and suggest that Ken call the Mayor to discuss as well.		
1/28/21	Cynthia called to let us know that she spoke with her accountant who is putting financials together to go to Key Bank as well as the Adirondacks Bank. She has also started the process of getting construction estimates for a 50,000 square foot building.		
1/25/21	Meaghan and I met with Cynthia in our office to discuss the immediate need for her to secure financing for the building and matching funds for the EDA grant.		
1/23/21	Ken is to get back to us on bid documents and provide a list of easements needed.		
1/21/21	Cynthia got back that the estimates for her water consumption were very much over estimated and she could live with the outside user rates as proposed by the Village. I informed Ken that Cynthia was ok with the rates and to finish his report.		
1/21/21	Reached out to Larry Frigault, Town Councilman, who will speak to the Village about their rates. He indicated that the Village set the higher rates for large water users in a effort to promote conservation.		
1/21/21	Contacted Keystone about cost to prepare bidding documents and whether any easements are needed.		
1/15/21	Forwarded copies of Ken report on proposed water and sewer rates to Cynthia Andela to see if she could afford these costs.		
1/14/21	Conference call with Ken Ellsworth from Keystone Associates discussing the major increase in cost for the sale of water to outside village users. Ken forward us the sections of his report detailing the charges.		
1/13/21	Discussed with Joe Scott the calculations for bond repayments		
1/7/21	Received Incentive Proposal from NYS ESD for the \$325,000 grant.		
1/4/21	`Barton&Loguidice reaches out to EDA regarding bidding requirements.		
1/4/21	Forwarded to K. Schulte Certificate as to Project Site, ROW, and Easements.		
12/29/20	Again, asked Andela if there was any movementnot much		
12/29/20	Received revised table from Joe of payments for bond issuance		

12/11/20	Received from Joe a table of payments for bond issuance		
11/26/20	Raised the following question with Cindy Andela:		
	<ul> <li>Have you hired anyone to design the building yet? Do you have revised cost estimates? No – we haven't started any design work yet – so I haven't gotten any revised estimates, but I will be starting on this soon.</li> <li>Have you updated your financials and had any meetings with banks about financing you building expansion? We're having a good year with both businesses, so I'm working with my accountants to get all the year-end planning done and years end financial and taxes in 2021 done as fast as possible too, so I have this for the banks. But I will set up some meetings now too to start getting feedback from the banks on what they need and want from us.</li> <li>Any movement with your Dutch firm about becoming involved with financing? Yes – our Dutch partners are interested in backing the building for RLG. We should be finishing up our JV agreement by the end of Nov. and then the 2021 plans will be next. I think they will be planning to provide the financial backing as needed, depending on what the banks want.</li> </ul>		
11/23/20	Again, ask Joe Scott about bond issuance.		
11/16/20	Received from Keystone Associates engineering reports for water and sewer for Richfield Springs as well as the draft intermunicipal agreements.		
11/16/20	Sent Joe Scott proposed park layout and both engineers and NYSEG cost estimates for construction		
11/13/20	Requested calculations from Joe Scott on bond issuance costs.		
11/9/20	EDA Approves Grant Administration Plan as submitted.		
11/8/20	Several correspondences with Town of Richfield Supervisor, Nick Palevsky, regarding the creation of a water and sewer district and memorandum of agreement between the town and village.		
11/5/20	Conference call with EDA, our office and Keystone Associates. EDA sends: agenda, memo, sign-in sheet (to be returned at conclusion of call), Specific Award Conditions, CD-450 for reference and part 1 of the electronic EDA Construction Disc Files. Part 2 will be sent in a separate e-mail due to size. Both part 1 and part 2 should be unzipped and the contents transferred to a common folder (recommended name "EDA Construction Disc 2019") for your use on the grant.		
10/26/20	The following questions were posed to C. Andela:		
	<ul> <li>Have you hired anyone to design the building yet? Do you have revised cost estimates? No – we haven't' started any design work yet – so I haven't gotten any revised estimates, but I will be starting on this soon</li> <li>Have you updated your financials and had any meetings with banks about financing you building expansion? We're having a good year with both businesses, so I'm working with my accountants to get all the year-end</li> </ul>		

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10/23/20	Send draft Grant Administration Plan to EDA.		
10/14/20	Meeting with C. Andela, Keystone Associate and village and town officials in Richfield Springs.		
9/3/20	Sent examples of municipal service agreements for water and sewer extensions to Keystone Associates.		
8/28/20	EDA announces a \$1.2 million grant award to the IDA.		
8/27/20	Andela Products mails check to IDA for \$2,000.		
8/5/20	EDA acknowledges receipt of information.		
8/5/20	Oneonta Town Supervisor forwards intermunicipal agreements with the City regarding water and sewer districts.		
8/4/20	Public Comment Period ends – no comments received.		
7/30/20	Meeting with Andela Products and Keystone Associates to begin work on water and sewer district creation.		
7/23/20	IDA Board approved revised resolution clarifying bond issuance amount.		
7/16/20	Reached out to the town supervisor regarding getting examples of water and sewer districts.		
7/13/20	Regional Director from EDA submitted questions from their attorneys to us.		
7/13/20	Proof of Publication submitted to EDA for public comment period published on July 1, 2 and 3.		
7/2/20	Planning Director Karen Sullivan is recommending extending our contract with Keystone Associates until April 2021 (CDBG Funds).		
6/29/20	We forwarded the SEQR review record done by the Town of Richfield to EDA.		
6/25/20	Detailed numbers of the breakdown of fees (bond counsel, grant administration, etc.) we supplied to EDA		
6/25/20	EDA requested State Environmental Review (SEQR) Records for the project. We reached out to Keystone Associates.		

6/24/20	EDA engineer Brett Steinberg requested a conference call regarding our budget numbers.		
6/23/20	EDA requested we publish a notice about our intent to receive funding from EDA for public comment period.		
6/23/20	EDA also requested a breakdown of our bond counsel fees, grant administration fees, and construction management fees which was responded to.		
6/11/20	The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) informed the Otsego County IDA that our application for investment assistance to support the Richfield Springs Eco-Industrial Business Park has been selected through EDA's competitive application review process for further consideration for funding.		
5/29/20	Spoke with Cynthia Andela. She has had several zoom meetings with Dutch company about a joint venture.		
5/26/20	Ryan LeoGrande of ESD requested an update on the progress of their grant. Informed him we had not yet received from the State an incentive offer which should have been mailed to us in January. Also advised him of our EDA grant submission.		
4/30/20	At EDA's request, forwarded two FEMA maps showing project area.		
4/30/20	NYS Historic Preservation office provides updated review letter.		
4/28/20	EDA requests updated NYS Historic Preservation letter. Staff contacted the Historic Preservation Office.		
4/26/20	Received back completed beneficiary forms and forwarded them to EDA		
4/21/20	Full EDA application submitted. EDA confirms receipt of application.		
4/21/20	EDA requests most recent audit for IDA which was forwarded to them.		
4/21/20	EDA requests that Andela and Ruby Lake complete beneficiary forms which were filled out and forwarded to the companies.		
4/17/20	Received feedback from Ed Hummel and changes made.		
4/16/20	Received opinion letter from Hodgson Russ regarding IDA's bonding authority for project.		
4/16/20	MRB forwards completed application to Edward Hummel, regional director of EDA.		
4/3/20	Reviewed and signed appendix A of the application and forwarded it to the MRB Group.		
3/27/20	Sent minutes of IDA meeting to MRB Group regarding bonding for the project.		
3/11/20	Received environmental narrative from Keystone Associates and forwarded it to the MRB Group.		
3/10/20	Again, requested Keystone Engineering help on environmental review questions on EDA application.		

3/10/20	Again, requested again Bond Counsel Letter from Joe Scott		
3/10/20	Requested a meeting with Keystone Engineering and Town and village officials regarding forming water and sewer districts.		
2/18/20	Requested Keystone Engineering help on environmental review questions on EDA application.		
2/18/20	Requested again Bond Counsel Letter from Joe Scott		
2/10/20	Received commitments letters from Andela Products and Ruby Lake Glass.		
2/4/20	MRB Group reminded Andela Products it needs commitment letters.		
1/27/20	Comments received back from MVEDD		
1/23/20	Draft application forwarded to Mohawk Valley Economic Development District for review.		
1/15/20	Draft EDA application forwarded to Otsego Now		
12/26/19	Confirmed meeting for 1/8/20 with Andela Products and the MRB Group to be held in Richfield Springs.		
12/19/19	<ul> <li>The MRB Group sent the following:</li> <li>A word document that bond counsel can turn into an opinion/letter to be attached to the grant.</li> <li>The draft resolution for your January board meeting</li> <li>Company letter template</li> <li>The revised content (narrative) for the EDA-900-GA form</li> </ul>		
7/721	Various correspondence between EDA and our office.		

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### CEO's Report June 1, 2022

Date	Place	Meeting
May 12, 2022.	Oneonta	Audit and Finance Committee Meeting
May 12, 2022.	Oneonta	Projects Committee Meeting
May 13, 2022.	Oneonta	Meeting with Paul Neske re: Oneonta Business Park
May 16, 2022.	Oneonta	Meeting with Small Business Owner
May 17, 2022.	Oneonta	Meeting with Chamber of Commerce President
May 17, 2022.	Oneonta	Zoom Meeting on Economic Development with Southern
		Tier 8 Members
May 24, 2022.	Oneonta	Zoom Meeting on Broadband Collaboration
May 25, 2022.	Cooperstown	NYS Economic Development Center Annual Meeting
May 26, 2022.	Cooperstown	NYS Economic Development Center Annual Meeting
May 26, 2022.	Oneonta	Otsego Now Board of Directors Meeting
May 27, 2022.	Cooperstown	NYS Economic Development Center Annual Meeting
May 31, 2022.	Oneonta	Zoom Meeting on Economic Development with Southern
		Tier 8 Members
June 1, 2022.	Oneonta	Zoom Meeting with Paperkite
June 3, 2022.	Oneonta	Zoom ST8 Board of Directors Meeting
June 7, 2022.	Oneonta	Zoom Meeting on Broadband Collaboration
June 8, 2022	Oneonta	Oneonta Railyards NYSEDA CHP Status Meeting

#### **Correspondence**

- none.

#### **Financial Updates**

- see year to date 2022 budget.

#### **Oneonta Railyards Industrial Park**

- see Project Charter.

#### **<u>Richfield Springs Industrial Park</u>**

- see Project Charter.

- Kurt Schulte is having title insurance prepared for the Richfield Springs property in order for him to sign a required EDA document that we have good title to the property. Once to title insurance is obtained and Kurt signs the required documents, the full bidding package can be forwarded to EDA for their approval.
- We are applying for a \$500,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant to assist with lowering the IDA cash commitment for the project. Applications are due in July with awards by September.

## County of Otsego IDA

#### **Custom Electronics**

- Custom Electronics is looking to pursue funding from NYSERDA for lithium battery production.

#### **County Micro-Enterprise Grant Program**

- Project ready to be closed out.

#### Corning

- no update.

#### **Center for Innovation**

- We are working on an ESD grant in the amount of \$162,500 for the purchase of 189 Main Street. This would reduce the IDA's commitment of funds from \$325,000 to \$162,500.

#### Systematic Power Systems (Ioxus)

- The Albany office of the NYS Housing and Community Renewal has recommended approval of the \$750,000 CDBG funding for loxus. They have prepared all the board documents and it is ready to go before their Board of Directors as the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.

#### **Springbrook**

- Springbrook is planning on closing on the IDA documents this month. However, we are tentatively planning on holding another public hearing should the county assessor raise the planned assessment on the property.

#### New York State Energy Research and Development Agency

- Ramboll is in the process of getting the energy models setup for the Oneonta Railyards Community Heat Pump System and is finalizing their sub-contract with Underground Energy.

#### **Barton & Loguidice**

- Still considering using them for future grant assistance.

#### **ZAED Properties**

- Chestnut Street Crossings is expected to be completed by this fall.

#### Foothills Performing Arts Center

- Ms. Johna Peachin indicated that the banks won't go along with our proposal.

#### Robert Hickey: Cooperstown Experience

- Nothing new.

#### Solar Energy Projects: Borrego Solar

- Chairman Bliss sent a letter out to Borrego Solar indicating that the County intends to enter into a Pilot Agreement with them through the IDA.

#### **Enviro Energy**

- Still awaiting buyer to schedule a closing.

#### **ESD Grant for Oneonta Railyards**

M. Marino is preparing the final documentation needed to get reimbursement of the \$150,000 from ESD.

#### Soccer Fields

- This is the information regarding the Irrigation System that the OSC had. Irrigation system was put in around 1991. Irrigation heads were donated by Rain Bird Corporation along with the control system. It is believed piping was donated by the Rain Bird Installers group. It is also believed the Hall of Fame paid for the install. At this point virtually all the irrigation heads have been replaced once or more (non-Rain Bird). Many zone valves were replaced, along with the main controller. Numerous repairs to mains and feeder lines over the last contract.

# DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY DATED: JUNE 1, 2022

#### AGENCY MEETING POLICY

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE. Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law") contains various provisions providing that, among other things, every meeting of a public body shall be open to the general public (the "Open Meetings"). Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law (the "Remote Access Law") further provides that a public body may use videoconferencing to conduct an Open Meeting in certain limited circumstances to be outlined and governed by written procedures. The purpose of this Policy is to set forth procedures to implement the Remote Access Law as it applies to Open Meetings conducted by County of Otsego Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency").

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. All words and terms used herein and not defined in the Open Meetings Law and the Remote Access Law shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act"), unless otherwise defined herein or unless the context or use indicates another meaning or intent. The following words and terms used herein shall have the respective meanings set forth below, unless the context or use indicates another meaning or intent:

"Immediate Family Member" shall mean a spouse, parent, sibling, child, domestic partner, or individual for whom the member is the designated guardian.

"In-Person Meeting" shall mean any Open Meeting of the Agency which is not a Remote Access Meeting.

"Meeting Notice" shall mean the public notice required to be published by the Agency regarding any Open Meeting pursuant to Section 104 of the Open Meetings Law and Section 103-a(2)(f) of the Remote Access Law.

"Non-Public Location" shall mean any remote location from which a member of the Agency participates in a meeting that is (a) not open to the public; and (b) not required to be disclosed in the Meeting Notice.

"Open Meetings Law" shall mean the open meetings law, being Article 7 of the Public Officers Law.

"Public Location" shall mean (a) the Offices of the Agency located at 189 Main Street, Oneonta, New York; or (b) any other physical location that is (1) open to the general public, and (2) identified on the Meeting Notice.

"Remote Access Law" shall mean Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law.

"Remote Access Meeting" shall mean any Open Meeting of the Agency where a member of the Agency participates in the Open Meeting using videoconferencing from a Non-Public Location.

"Remote Connection" shall mean the process of connecting multiple Public Locations using videoconferencing.

"Sponsoring Municipality" shall mean the County of Otsego, the municipality for whose benefit the Agency was created.

SECTION 3. GENERAL RULE. (A) All meetings of the Agency, including public hearings held by the Agency, will be Open Meetings.

(B) Members of the Agency shall be physically present at the Public Location(s) identified in the Meeting Notice unless such member is unable to be physically present due to extraordinary circumstances as identified in Section 4 of this Policy.

(C) A majority of the whole number of the members of the Agency shall be physically present at the Public Location(s) identified in the Meeting Notice to establish a quorum. The Agency must satisfy this quorum requirement whether it conducts an In-Person Meeting or a Remote Access Meeting.

(D) Members of the public shall be permitted to attend, listen and observe all Open Meetings at the Physical Location(s) identified in the Meeting Notice unless the in-person participation requirement is suspended pursuant to Section 103-a(3) of the Remote Access Law.

(E) If the Agency conducts a Remote Access Meeting pursuant to this Policy, except in the case of executive sessions, members of the public shall be permitted to attend and observe the meeting using a videoconferencing service which permits the public to see, hear and identify the members of the Agency attending said meeting.

(F) If the Agency conducts a Remote Access Meeting pursuant to this Policy, the Agency shall use the videoconferencing technology to permit access by members of the public with disabilities consistent with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) pursuant to Section 103-a(5) of the Remote Access Law.

(G) Nothing herein shall prohibit the Agency from holding meetings entirely by videoconference, with no in-person requirement, during a state of emergency declared by the Governor of the State of New York pursuant to Section 28 of the Executive Law or by the appropriate officials of the Sponsoring Municipality pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law if the Agency determines that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration would affect or impair the ability of the Agency to hold an In-Person Meeting.

SECTION 4. REMOTE ACCESS MEETINGS. (A) The Agency may, at its discretion, conduct a Remote Access Meeting and permit a member or member(s) to participate in the meeting from a Non-Public Location using videoconferencing provided that (a) a quorum of

members are present in the identified Physical Location(s); and (b) the member is unable to be physically present at such meeting due to extraordinary circumstances including, but not limited to:

- (1) disability;
- (2) illness, including but not limited to compliance with applicable quarantine requirements;
- (3) the death of an Immediate Family Member;
- (4) caregiving responsibilities for an Immediate Family Member;
- (5) any other significant or unexpected factor that may preclude physical attendance; and
- (6) other significant or unexpected factors or events which shall be identified by the Agency in subsequent amendments to this Policy.

(B) A member who wishes to participate in a meeting by videoconference must provide advance notice and justification for such member's absence to the extent possible to both the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency. The Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency may require any member requesting to participate in a meeting by videoconference to provide documentation, to the extent possible, supporting such request and may publicly confirm that such documentation was received without publicly stating the contents of such documentation.

SECTION 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Members of the public shall only be permitted to participate in meetings of the Agency where (a) the Agency invites public comment, or (b) public comment is required by law. Where the public is permitted to participate, the Agency shall permit public comment pursuant to the operating rules on the attached Appendix A. If public participation is permitted at a Remote Access Meeting, the Agency shall ensure that members of the public have equal opportunity to participate in real time in such meetings whether attending in-person or remotely via videoconference.

SECTION 6. REMOTE ACCESS MEETING MINUTES. If the Agency conducts a Remote Access Meeting, the minutes of such meeting shall (a) include which, if any, members participated remotely, (b) be available to the public within two weeks from the date of such meeting, and (c) be posted on the Agency's website within two weeks from the date of such meeting. For purposes of this requirement, (I) unabridged video recordings or unabridged audio recordings or unabridged written transcripts may be deemed to be meeting minutes; and (II) this requirement shall not require the creation of minutes if the Agency (or committee) would not otherwise take them.

SECTION 7. MEETING NOTICE. The Agency shall give notice to the public and the news media of all meetings of the Agency pursuant to the requirements of Section 104 of the

Open Meetings Law and Section 103-a(2)(f) of the Remote Access Law. The Meeting Notice shall include the following information:

- (a) the date and time the meeting is scheduled;
- (b) the Public Location where the meeting will be held;
- (c) the Public Location(s) where members will be participating using Remote Connection;
- (d) whether any members will be participating using Remote Access;
- (e) where the public can view and/or participate in such meeting whether in-person or remotely; and
- (f) where required documents and records will be posted or available.

SECTION 8. MEETING RECORDS. The Agency shall ensure that (a) each meeting shall be streamed on its website in real time, (b) each meeting shall be recorded, (c) such recordings are posted or linked on the public website of the Agency within five business days following such meeting, and (d) such recordings remain so available for a minimum of five years thereafter, pursuant to Section 103-a(2)(g) of the Remote Access Law and Section 857 of the Act. The Agency shall further ensure that recordings of any Remote Access Meetings are transcribed upon request.

SECTION 9. POSTING. This Policy shall be conspicuously posted on the Agency's website.

### APPENDIX A

### PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATING PROCEDURES

[To Be Inserted When Completed]