

**Cayuga County Industrial Development Agency Meeting
Chamber of Commerce, First Floor Conference Room
August 18, 2015 4 pm**

Chairman Ray Lockwood called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm, noting that there was a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ray Lockwood, John Latanyshyn, Gina Speno, Herb Marshall.

Excused: Joe Runkle, Carol Contiguglia, Paul Lattimore

Others Present: Michelle Milewski (CSS), Tracy Verrier, Bruce Sherman (CEDA), Rick Galbato (Galbato Law Firm).

MINUTES

Mr. Marshall moved to accept the July 21 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Latanyshyn. All members present voted in favor; motion passed.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Verrier said that CCIDA received an invoice from Cayuga County Soil and Water for services provided to clean out the ditch and culvert at the industrial park. She noted that it appeared that the culvert had been intentionally blocked in order to expand the wetlands to the east of the park. Mr. Lockwood said he received a call about the matter, and it was found that the area was full of silt and plastic retainers. The total cost was \$1,195. Mr. Lockwood said the board should look into the possibility of putting up Posted signs in the area.

Mr. Marshall said he had been contacted by Larry Ellis who asked if the railroad bed was available to purchase behind the Nichols Building on West Genesee St. He said Mr. Ellis would like to purchase the property or have permission to construct drainage, since it was affecting the area around a new loading dock. Ms. Verrier will discuss the matter with Mr. Fish and request a proposal from Mr. Ellis that the board can review.

BUDGET REPORT

Ms. Verrier reviewed the June and July financials with the board. She said that in July, the board received an application fee from A1 Pumping, interest was looking better and the only expense was the electric bill. In June, the board paid for the Cultural Resources study (the archeological survey). Mr. Latanyshyn asked about the fee for service in the amount of \$24,742, and Ms. Verrier responded that that was Grober's payment for the deposit on the land as part of the LDA. Motion to accept the June and July financials by Mr. Latanyshyn; seconded by Mr. Marshall. All members present voted in favor; motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Website

Ms. Verrier said that there is now a board member section on the website, and she will be providing members with information to log in. She said that staff will upload the September

meeting packet as a test run, with the goal of ultimately having packets available online for each meeting. Ms. Verrier noted that any proprietary information will not be uploaded.

Grober

Ms. Verrier said that there is a hearing later this evening at the Aurelius Zoning Board for Grober International, who will be seeking a variance for the new building's height. She does not expect a problem, since the building height will be lower than the existing Cayuga Milk Ingredients plant.

FLRR

There was no update for the Finger Lakes Rail Road.

Fingerlakes Land LLC

Ms. Verrier said Mr. Fish reached out to the owners of the land after they proposed to sell CCIDA the property for \$300,000 and \$300,000 in tax write offs. He has not heard anything back. Ms. Verrier noted that Mr. Galbato did not find any red flags in regard to the titles on the properties; but still advises the board members to do their due diligence on environmental factors. Mr. Galbato reviewed the assessments of both parcels with the board, and the board questioned the value of the property since it's land-locked and overgrown.

CEDA STAFF UPDATE

Mr. Sherman said that there may be several projects to come before the board after the 2015 round of the CFA and URI process has completed. He also noted that if the TIGER grant is approved, there may be additional projects.

Ms. Verrier noted that there were two ESD applications and a handful for other types of funding, but not as much from the area's major players. The board discussed the problems local businesses have been having in getting their grant reimbursements from ESD, and Ms. Verrier noted that the Chamber Advocacy Committee will be submitting a letter to the CNY REDC for their feedback period following the CFA process. She explained that much of the problem with the process is in regard to staff turnover at ESD. Mr. Lockwood recapped CEDA board member Kelly O'Hara's struggle with the process.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ms. Milewski reviewed the upcoming events and reminded the board of an upcoming finance committee meeting. Mr. Marshall and Mr. Lockwood said that they will be out of town, and the meeting will be rescheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

A1 PUMPING SMALL PROJECT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION OF THE CAYUGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF A1 PUMPING LLC (THE "COMPANY") WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DEFINED BELOW); (ii) AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF THE PROJECT AND APPOINTING THE COMPANY AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE SAME; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (AS MORE FULLY DEFINED BELOW) TO THE

COMPANY; (iv) MAKING FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT; AND (vi) AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGENT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS.

Ms. Verrier said that it would be a 2,000 square foot expansion, with total benefits of roughly \$22,000. The site plan for this expansion was initially approved as part of the initial build in 2010, and it is less than 4,000 square feet so there is no need for a SEQRA review. Ms. Verrier said that the project is subject to a retail exclusion, but informed that Mr. Fish had spoken to Justin Miller and it will fit under the “unique services” retail exemption. The board will have to get County Chairman Mike Chapman’s approval, but doesn’t foresee a problem.

Motion to approve the resolution granting benefits to A1 Pumping by Mr. Marshall; seconded by Ms. Speno. The resolution was approved by the following roll-call vote:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Carol Contiguglia	[]	[]	[x]	[]
John Latanyshyn	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Paul Lattimore	[]	[]	[x]	[]
Raymond Lockwood	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Herb Marshall	[x]	[]	[]	[]
Joseph Runkle	[]	[]	[x]	[]
Gina Speno	[x]	[]	[]	[]

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Latanyshyn at 4:50 pm; seconded by Mr. Marshall.

The next regularly scheduled CCIDA meeting in September will be rescheduled due to scheduling conflicts of board members and will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Prego-Milewski