

St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency
Louisville Municipal Office

Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM by Chairman McNeil.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum: In attendance are board members Clark, Forsythe, McNeil, and Strait. Absent is board member Kramer. Patrick Kelly and Bob Ahlfeld are in attendance from the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency. Chairman McNeil announces there is a quorum.

Public Notice: Public notifications were sent on March 5, 2025, to, at a minimum: St. Lawrence County's newspapers designated for the publication of local laws and other matters required by law to be published. Notifications are also sent to other local media sources and websites. Mitch Marolf, new Vice President of the Massena Rod & Gun Club, is there as a member of the public.

Approval of Minutes: Strait/Clark motion/second to approve the January 21, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion passes unanimously.

Financial Report: Forsythe/Clark motion/second to accept the November 2024 financial reports. Mr. Kelly mentions that the Community Development & Environmental Improvement Program applications are out. He asks if there are any specific questions regarding the November 2024 Financial Report. Motion passes unanimously.

Resolution: Authorizing a loan repayment modification for Canexsys:

Mr. Kelly explains that Canexsys is working to make their loan payments current. The company would like to pay off their 2017 load by the end of 2025. Mr. Forsythe asked how many employees are working at the Paterson Street facility in Ogdensburg. Mr. Kelly reports there are 10 employees at this time. Clark/Strait motion/second to authorize the loan modification for Canexsys. Motion passes unanimously.

IDA Report: Mr. Kelly reports:

Air Products announcement to terminate their project in Massena. Mr. Kelly notes that new members on the company's board were not in favor of the company's focus on green energy projects and that the company had recently brought in a new CEO. The company then announced the cancellation of projects in Massena, Texas, and California. Mr. Kelly noted that we are doing our best to stay in front of any potential suitors for the parcel, as it would be a desirable location given the fact that much of the land has been cleared and has access to very good electrical infrastructure. We are talking with some companies and will follow up with Air Products regarding their site disposition plans.

A discussion ensues about the current correctional facility strikes, Mr. Kelly points out that the IDA serves on a task force with county representatives as well as community leaders from Gouverneur and Ogdensburg, which is closely following the developments at the correctional facilities.

Mr. Kelly notes the St. Lawrence County Property Development Corporation has acquired the former Kraft Canton Plant. The idea is to repurpose the facility and market it for potential tenants or a new owner.

Mr. Ahlfeld presented the board with an overview of the “Find Properties” tab on the SLCIDA.com website. He discussed how site selectors and Empire State Development are able to access the nearly 70 sites and buildings around St. Lawrence County that are located on www.slcida.com.

Executive Session: Clark/Forsythe motion/second to enter into executive session.at 4:49 PM. Motion passes unanimously. Clark/Strait exit executive session and return to the regular meeting at 5:23 PM. Motion passes unanimously.

MED Report: Mr. McMahon reports the CEO of Alcoa was in Massena today to discuss aluminum tariffs and the possible effect on Massena. He also noted there are 140 acres of land with sufficient access to 200 MW of power on the Horton Road in Massena. Mr. McMahon confirmed that Air Products was not an MED customer but rather a direct connect customer of the New York Power Authority.

Adjournment: Clark/Forsythe motion/second to adjourn at 5:17pm. Chairman McNeil declares the meeting adjourned.