

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
~ Meeting of August 17, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM at the IDA office, Ernest J. LaBaff Industrial Building, Canton.

ROLL CALL:

Blevins	Present	Burke	Present
Hall	Present	LaBaff	Present
McMahon.....	Present	Staples	Present
Weekes.....	Present		

Others: SLCIDA-LDC Staff (Patrick Kelly and Kimberly Gilbert) and SLCIDA Staff (Richard Williams and Lori Sibley); Andrew W. Silver, Esq., Counsel; and Brian Hammond (Teamsters Local 687).

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notifications sent August 11, 2016 to, at a minimum: newspapers designated for the publication of local laws and other matters required by law to be published; additional local media sources and websites.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Hammond offered no comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes of the June 29, 2016 meeting by Mr. LaBaff, seconded by Mr. Weekes. Carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mrs. Gilbert presents the Financial Reports for June 2016, noting a new format used to make it easier to read and understand the report. LaBaff/McMahon motion to accept the financial report. Carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Mr. Kelly advises the board that a Governance Committee Meeting will be scheduled within the next month, as there are already two items on the agenda.

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Kelly reports on the following:

L.K.R. Enterprises Inc.: The grand opening of the Great American grocery store in Star Lake was a success. The business is waiting USDA approval for EBT and SNAP benefit acceptance.

2017 Budget: A draft budget is due in September to be available for public viewing for 30 days thereafter.

Authorities Budget Office: Review of the SLCIDA-LDC continues after a short-term suspension. No updates at this time.

Clifton Fine Hospital: An invitation was received for the Hospital's 65th anniversary open house scheduled for Saturday, August 20th as recognition for funding received by the GMEDF in the amount of \$150,000 in 2011.

St. Lawrence County Local Development Corporation: SLCIDA-LDC Attorney Andrew Silver informs the board that the St. Lawrence County Local Development Corporation is now dissolved. This month, he states an order was approved, whereby activities will not be undertaken by the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Local Development Corporation.

Tri-Town Packing: The Company applied for and received tribal compact monies from the St. Lawrence County Training Reimbursement Program via the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency Local Development Corporation in the amount of \$7,500. The Company hired a consultant to train management and employees on an updated inspection plan and these training funds will be utilized to offset some of the company's costs.

SLIC: Recently paid off all of their loans. It is important to note that this was our largest loan up until this year when Curran Renewable Energy received authorization for a line of credit. Mr. LaBaff asks if there has been any more talk about potential slaughterhouses. Mr. Kelly thinks United Helpers is taking a closer look at their projections and assumptions and is still working on a potential project. No additional inquiries have been brought forward.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution LDC-16-08-13: Authorizing an Allocation of RVRDA Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program Funds of up to \$18,000 for J&L Abatement and Demolition. Motion to approve Resolution IDA-16-08-13 by Mr. Weekes, seconded by Mr. LaBaff. Mr. Kelly reports that some of the previous year's CDEIP projects which have completed have come in under budget, making available approximately \$21,000 in funds granted to those projects. The SLCIDA has been working with St. Lawrence County, State Officials, Town of Fine, Clifton Fine Economic Development Corporation and DANC to put together a \$600,000 financing package to use toward demolition and abatement work at the J&L site. Pending approval from the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency at their next meeting, the SLCIDA-LDC authorizes allocation of up to \$18,000 of these remaining funds to be used toward the J&L Demolition and Abatement project. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Blevins/Weekes motion for Executive Session at 9:27 AM to discuss potential litigation against a specific company and the financial and credit history of a particular corporation. The Board returns to Regular Session at 10:10 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourns at 10:12 AM by unanimous vote.

(Mr.) Lynn Blevins, Secretary