# ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Meeting of September 3, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Staples called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM at the main conference room of the Ernest J. LaBaff Industrial Building, 19 Commerce Lane, Canton.

# **ROLL CALL:**

BlevinsPresentReagenPresentHallPresentStaplesPresentMorrillPresentLaBaffPresentMcMahonPresent (via teleconference)(via teleconference)

SLCIDA Chairman Staples announces there is a quorum.

Others: IDA Staff (Patrick Kelly, Richard Williams, and Lori Sibley)

<u>PUBLIC NOTICE</u>: Public notifications sent August 31, 2020 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: None

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u>: Motion to accept the minutes of the June 29, 2020 meeting by Mr. LaBaff seconded by Mr. Morrill. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>FINANCIAL REPORTS:</u> Motion to accept the April, May, June, and July 2020 financial reports by Mr. Morrill, seconded by Mr. Reagen. Mr. Kelly highlights property tax expenses from acquiring the Star Lake property. All expenses associated with the Star Lake Property will be included in the account reconciliation and reimbursed to the extent possible upon the sale of the building. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: None**

STAFF REPORT: Patrick Kelly reports the following:

Former Newell Manufacturing facility: An update on the progress of the rehabilitation project is given by Richard Williams (IDA Facilities Manager) and John Pinkerton (IDA-LDC Project Manager). With the recent Northern Border Regional Commission grant for \$500,000 and the North Country Regional Economic Development Fund award (with 50% loan and 50% grant) for \$200,000 build outs can be undertaken including electrical work, office/entry space, restroom facilities, and work within some of the future tenant space. Water, sewer and will be also be reconnected o the property. As the overall building systems work is completed, a tenant could move in creating a revenue stream while work continues in other parts of the building. The City of Ogdensburg is currently working with their insurance carrier to cover the costs for the snow damage that was done to the roof last winter. Mr. Kelly adds that the City of Ogdensburg still owns the property. The plan is that the property will be transferred to the IDA or the PDC when the project is completed.

Mr. Reagen suggests that we connect with County Attorney Steve Button regarding the County's experience with the DEC cleaning up contaminated gas station parcels in case there are resources available to help clean up any lingering contamination on the northeast sections of the property.

<u>Former Newton Falls Paper Mill</u>: The IDA still has an interest in obtaining the warehouse portion of the property. John Pinkerton has been following up with Woodcrest Capital, the firm that owns the bridge

connecting the warehouse to the main mill parcel, in the continuing effort to secure an easement or other access to the bridge for the warehouse section of the property.

**OLD BUSINESS**: None

## **NEW BUSINESS**:

<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>: At 4:20 PM, Mr. Hall motions for executive session, seconded by Mr. Reagen to discuss the financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation.. At 4:33pm, Mr. Hall motions to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. Morrill.

Resolution PDC-20-09-08: <u>Accepting the FY2021 Tentative Budget:</u> Mr. Blevins motions to approve Resolution PDC-20-09-08, seconded by Mr. LaBaff. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: A motion to adjourn is made by Mr. Reagen, seconded by Mr. Hall. The meeting adjourns at 4:35 PM by unanimous vote.

(Mr.) Lynn Bl	evins, Seci	etary