

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**Meeting of August 11, 2022**

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CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Blevins calls the meeting to order at 3:00 PM in the main conference room at the Ernest J. LaBaff Industrial Building, Canton.

ROLL CALL:

Staples.....	Present via Zoom Meeting	McMahon .....	Present
LaBaff.....	Absent	Morrill .....	Present
Blevins .....	Present	Reagen.....	Present
Hall .....	Present		

A quorum is recognized.

Others: IDA Staff present: Patrick Kelly, Kimberly Gilbert, and Richard Williams. Lori Sibley joins via Zoom Meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notifications sent August 5, 2022 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: Ms. Catherine Siematkowski (from Witherbee & Whalen) explains that the company is in the business of concrete products and monuments. She is in attendance to gain a better understanding about the services provided by the IDA. Mr. Scott Gray (Candidate for NYS Assembly) explains that he is also in attendance for situational awareness and to gain a better understanding about the services provided by the St. Lawrence County IDA. Joining Mr. Gray is Ms. Alyssa Price, a member of his staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2022 meeting by Mr. Morrill seconded by Mr. McMahon. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

STAFF REPORT:

American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”): Mr. Kelly explains that the [www.slcida.com/arpa](http://www.slcida.com/arpa) webpage is now active. The webpage has links to information and applications to apply for the funds that the IDA is administering for St. Lawrence County. A press release has been issued but has yet to receive broad coverage. \$3.5 million was approved for Economic Development endeavors, including Childcare Training, CDL-A Certification, New and Existing Worker Training, Heavy Equipment Operator Training, Healthcare Training, Facility and Infrastructure Improvement, Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance, Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Promotion and Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Capacity Building

The goal is to reach as many businesses as possible across a broad spectrum of industries in the County that have been impacted by COVID and to leverage other funding to provide the greatest amount of assistance as possible. In response to Mr. McMahon’s question about the funding timeline, Mr. Kelly states that funds need to be obligated by the end of 2024 and totally expended no later than the end of 2026. Mr. Kelly adds that the application was created to be simple and concise. This will be a starting point to further conversations to see what other programs are available that can be packaged together to bring the greatest amount of assistance to local employers in addition to any ARPA funding for which they are approved.

Marketing: IDA staff attended the Mega Reunion this past weekend to promote our “Come Home” campaign. There are also tradeshow that are scheduled in Canada during the upcoming months.

Meeting Schedule: Several responses were received from the email questionnaire that asked Board Members for suggestions to set a more finite monthly meeting schedule. Staff will review those responses and prepare a plan for a more consistent meeting schedule that will be presented to the Board for approval.

Canton Industrial Building: Maintenance repair was recently completed on the roof of the Canton Industrial Building which included removal of a chimney that was no longer being utilized. Lighting upgrades are scheduled to be completed in October. National Grid provided funding for the light heads, and we are waiting for delivery of the replacement poles to complete the project. Also, parking lot resealing will be completed in the next week or so.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn is made by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Hall. The meeting adjourns at 3:16 PM by unanimous vote.

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Mr. Lynn Blevins, Secretary