

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**Meeting of December 16, 2022**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Staples calls the meeting to order at 11:12 AM in the main conference room at the Ernest J. LaBaff Industrial Building, Canton.

**ROLL CALL:**

Staples .....	Present	McMahon.....	Absent
LaBaff.....	Present	Morrill.....	Present
Blevins.....	Absent	Reagen .....	Absent
Hall .....	Present		

A quorum is recognized.

IDA Staff present: Patrick Kelly, Lori Sibley, and Richard Williams. IDA-LDC Staff present: John Pinkerton

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Public notifications sent December 12, 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:** Andrew Gardner, Reporter for Johnson Newspapers, attends the meeting via Zoom and offers no comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to accept the minutes of the November 29,2022 meeting by Mr. LaBaff, seconded by Mr. Morrill. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Kelly reports the following:

**American Rescue Plan Act “ARPA”:** Proposed grant awards will be brought forward for discussion and recommendation later in the meeting.

**St. Lawrence University:** A Civic Facility Bond, through the St. Lawrence County IDA – Civic Development Corporation, will be closing this week to benefit St. Lawrence University.

**Canton Industrial Building:** The parking lot lights have been replaced with high efficiency LED lights. Sofit lights were replaced too. The light heads were provided at no cost through a grant awarded by National Grid.

**100 Paterson Street Building:** Request for Proposals for lawn and snow maintenance for the 100 Paterson Street property in Ogdensburg are due Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Downtown Revitalization Initiative “DRI”:** Recently we received an informal notification from Empire State Development that our DRI application for the Massena School of Business Rehabilitation Project was approved for the full amount requested totaling \$1.9 million. We are expecting a formal written notification in the coming weeks. The project will help connect the river trail and parking lot with the Main Street corridor. Our resources will work in collaboration with the Village of Massena to help improve the downtown corridor.

**Unemployment and Workforce:** On Tuesday of this week (December 13<sup>th</sup>) IDA staff co-hosted another successful Business Connections event at the BOCES Technical Career Center in Fowler. Staff outreached

and connected 13 different companies to another pipeline of workers. Businesses were provided with information that will connect them with valuable programs offered at BOCES, and student-led tours that introduced employers to the skills students are learning that are preparing them for the workforce. There are two more events scheduled at Seaway Tech in Norwood on January 18<sup>th</sup> and Northwest Tech in Ogdensburg on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Transition Services at Fort Drum: Staff will be attending the next Career Fair at Fort Drum on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, along with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, to talk to soldiers who will be transitioning from the military soon and seeking employment opportunities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: A motion is made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. LaBaff to go into executive session at 11:23 AM to discuss the financial history of certain companies. Mr. Hall/Mr. LaBaff motion to return to regular session at 11:48 AM.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution IDA-22-12-27 Authorizing the Designation of Newspapers for Publication of Legal Notices: We have designated North Country This Week and the Watertown Daily Times as the official publications to conform to the requirements of the governing statute. If a project is in a community that has its own newspaper affiliation, we will advertise in that community paper as well. Mr. LaBaff motions to accept Resolution IDA-22-12-27, seconded by Mr. Morrill. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution IDA-22-12-28: Authorizing Allocations through the St. Lawrence County ARPA Economic Development and Tourism Funding Program: This third round of ARPA applications total over \$700,000 in awards. There is now about \$3.4 million available for future allocations. Mr. Hall motions to accept Resolution IDA-22-12-28, seconded by Mr. LaBaff. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn is made by Mr. LaBaff, seconded by Mr. Hall. The meeting adjourns at 11:50 AM by unanimous vote.

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Mr. Lynn Blevins, Secretary