

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Meeting of July 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Staples calls the meeting to order at 1:34 PM in the main conference room at the Ernest J. LaBaff Industrial Building, Canton.

ROLL CALL:

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

A quorum is recognized.

IDA Staff present: Patrick Kelly, Bob Ahlfeld, Kimberly Gilbert, and Lori Sibley

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notifications sent July 17, 2025, 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: Watertown Daily Times (Andrew Gardner, Reporter) joined via Zoom. No comment from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2025 meeting by Mr. LaBaff, seconded by Mr. McMahon. The motion is approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mrs. Gilbert provides highlights for April and May and comments that these were typical months with normal monthly revenues and expenditures. Motion to accept the April and May 2025 financial reports by Mr. LaBaff, seconded by Mr. Morrill. The motion is approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nominating Committee (LaBaff – Chair, Blevins and Reagen). Nominating Committee Chairman Ernest LaBaff offers the following slate of officers: Brian W. Staples (Chairman), Lynn Blevins (Vice-Chairman), and Ernest LaBaff (Secretary). Hearing no other nominations, motion to accept the slate of officers made by Mr. LaBaff, seconded by Mr. Reagen. Motion carried unanimously

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Kelly highlights the following recent activities:

Bent Beam Brewing: Loan closed.

Empire State Mines: Loan closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution IDA-25-07-11: Authorizing a Loan of up to \$200,000 to Legacy Crane, LLC: A loan request for the acquisition of high strength industrial crane equipment. This is a newly created company (an affiliate of ENI Mechanical, Inc. in Gouverneur). The company is acquiring equipment and assets from Wilcox Crane Company due to a business closure.

Currently, for projects requiring these types of cranes, companies have to go outside the area to get the equipment needed. This will enable a service to be available and provided by a local company that is not currently accessible in this area. The Development Authority of the North Country is participating in the project through a \$300,000 loan from the North Country Economic Development Loan Fund.

The company anticipates creating 5 full-time equivalent jobs. Mr. Reagen asks where the cranes will be coming from which will be purchased with the funding. Mr. Kelly responds that the cranes are currently in Watertown and Canandaigua. Mr. LaBaff asks where the cranes will be housed and Mr. Kelly mentions the headquarters will be located in Gouverneur, with additional shop space being acquired as part of the Wilcox asset acquisition in Watertown. Mr. Blevins motions to approve Resolution LDC-25-07-17, seconded by Mr. LaBaff. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution IDA-25-07-12: Authorizing a Loan of up to \$70,000 to Villnave Construction Services, Inc: A working capital loan request that will be packaged with North County Alliance and the Brasher Micro Loan Fund ad well as the North Country Alliance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Blevins/Mr. McMahon motions/seconds to go to Executive Session at 1:40 PM to discuss the financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation. Mr. LaBaff/Mr. McMahon motions/seconds to return to regular session at 1:55 PM.

Discussion continues regarding the proposed Villnave Construction Services, Inc. loan resolution. The loan will provide the company working capital and assist with retaining 28 full-time equivalent jobs. Mr. Morrill motions to approve Resolution IDA-25-07-12, seconded by Mr. LaBaff. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn is made by Mr. LaBaff. The meeting adjourns at 1:56 PM by unanimous vote.

Mr. Ernest LaBaff, Secretary