

**Chenango County IDA
Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021 | 8:00 a.m.**



Present: J. Blanchard; B. Burton; R. Gibbon; M. Khoury; P. Raymond; M. Ryan; T. Zieno

Staff: K. Green; J. Cacciola

Guest: S. Butler; S. Palmatier; J. Kampe; I. Sutton

1. Board Chair B. Burton called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m.
2. Upon review, motion to approve the April 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes made by M. Ryan, seconded by T. Zieno. R. Gibbon abstained due to absence at the April 21, 2021 meeting. Ayes all. Approved.
3. K. Green discussed the April 30 Financial Statements.
 - a. Tiffany Solar will pay closing costs at time of closing, annual fee will be paid yearly. 25% will go to DCC per the 2021 Administrative Services Agreement.
 - b. Motion to approve the April 30 Financial Statements was made by R. Gibbon, seconded by P. Raymond. Ayes all. Approved.
4. Bills & Invoices were reviewed.
 - a. B. Burton explained the bills and invoices protocol to new members as this was their first in-person meeting.
 - b. Motion to approve the Bills & Invoices made by R. Gibbon, seconded by M. Khoury. Ayes all. Approved.
5. Old Business
 - a. J. Cacciola provided an update on the FEMA application for damages incurred on October 31, 2019. K. Green discussed difficulty in communications with NYSW and their recent grant application for bridge repairs.
 - b. K. Green gave a brief update on the Tiffany solar project; close to closing, lawyers are finalizing details and the signature packet should be forthcoming.
 - c. K. Green provided a general update on the Norbut Solar project. Coventry has placed a 6-month moratorium on solar projects while they develop local solar law.
 - d. K. Green informed the board that a PILOT application has not yet been received for the High Wind project, but it is expected soon and she has communicated with the company.
 - e. K. Green stated she has not received communication about the proposed payment for the permanent easement being sought in Greene.
 - f. K. Green provided a summary of and thanked the board for their presence at the IDA building open house.
6. New Business
 - a. K. Green introduced I. Sutton and J. Kampe. I. Sutton provided a detailed overview of his and Kampe's proposed project to make use of the railroad in Chenango County for rail bike excursions. At this time Sutton and Kampe, and Green asking board to approve moving forward with research on this project.
 - i. Motion to approve K. Green reaching out to NYSW to begin conversations about rail bike excursions in Chenango County enabling Sutton and Kampe to move forward with research and feasibility research made by P. Raymond, seconded by M. Ryan. Ayes all. Approved.

- b. K. Green reminded board members to submit their fiduciary oath to J. Cacciola as soon as possible, copies available for signature after the meeting.
 - c. K. Green informed the board that the Town of Greene would like to be lead agency for the Greene Community solar project, SEQRA for the project has been received and is on file.
 - d. K. Green stated On the Rail (Cascun Farm) has not communicated with her since asking about terminating PILOT; until written notice is received IDA cannot move forward with outlining On the Rail's financial liabilities, but their monthly payments are still being made.
7. Motion to adjourn made M. Ryan, seconded by M. Khoury. Ayes all. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Cacciola

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Board Recorder

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