

**Chenango County IDA
Board Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2021 | 8:00 a.m.**



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

Staff: K. Green; J. Cacciola

Absent: M. Khoury

Guest: S. Butler; S. Palmatier; D. Norbut; B. Carrigan

1. Board Chair B. Burton called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m.
2. Upon review, motion to approve the May 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes made by M. Ryan, seconded by P. Raymond. Ayes all. Approved.
3. D. Norbut and B. Carrigan of Norbut Solar Farms presented, via Zoom, an overview of their proposed solar projects and their recently submitted PILOT applications. They provided an update on changes made to their proposal based on community feedback, and highlighted information about number of jobs to be created, requested sales tax abatement, and cost per megawatt.
 - a. After a q and a session and general discussion the board agreed to move forward with an authorizing resolution at their July meeting.
4. K. Green discussed the May 31 Financial Statements.
 - a. Cascun Farms has not responded to K. Green's request for more information about terminating their PILOT. They are continuing to make their monthly payments.
 - b. Motion to approve the May 31 Financial Statements was made by R. Gibbon, seconded by P. Raymond. Ayes all. Approved.
5. Bills & Invoices were reviewed.
 - a. Motion to approve the Bills & Invoices made by M. Ryan, seconded by R. Gibbon. Ayes all. Approved.
6. Old Business
 - a. J. Cacciola provided an update on the FEMA application for damages incurred on October 31, 2019. The two Category G projects (permanent work) are under review, one is with EHP and one is in hazard mitigation. The Category Z project (administrative costs) is almost complete, final documents need to be provided to FEMA for review.
 - b. K. Green provided an overview of Coughlin & Gerhart LLP's experience working with railroads and municipalities and why they would be good legal counsel for working with NYSW.
 - c. Motion to approve resolution to engage Coughlin & Gerhard LLP made by P. Raymond, seconded by R. Gibbon. Ayes all. Approved.
 - i. Resolved, that the Chenango County IDA grants Executive Director, Kerri Green, authority to sign the engagement letter for services pertaining to legal counsel for matters related to NYS&W.
 - d. K. Green provided a brief update on the Rail Bike project presented at the May meeting. Maps have been shared by Expedition Chenango and NYSW.
 - e. K. Green stated the Tiffany Solar PILOT is waiting for final closing paperwork, and the SEQRA for the High Bridge Wind PILOT has been received.
7. Motion to move to executive session at 8:48 a.m. was made by J. Blanchard, seconded by M. Ryan. R. Gibbon excused himself from the meeting due to another appointment. Ayes all. Approved.
8. Motion to leave executive session at 8:58 a.m. made by P. Raymond, seconded by M. Ryan. Ayes all. Approved.

9. Motion to adjourn made by P. Raymond, seconded by M. Ryan. Ayes all. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Cacciola

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Board Recorder

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