

CCIDA MEETING Minutes

August 16, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Present: W. Outwater, B. Burton, R. Gibbon, G. Raymond, E. Larsen

Absent:

Contract Staff: S. Craig, L. Bunce, A. Larsen

Finance: S. Cwynar

Guest: D. Jones, S. Palmatier

I. Roll Call

Board Chair E. Larsen called the meeting to order at 7:58 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

R. Gibbon said that he was mistakenly included as present in the minutes, and that an edit be made moving him to absent before approval.

Motion to approve the July 19, 2017 Regular Minutes pending the aforementioned edit made by W. Outwater, seconded by B. Burton. Ayes All. Approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

S. Cwynar reviewed the July 31, 2017 Financial Statements with the board.

Upon review motion to approve the July 31, 2017 Treasurer's Report by B. Burton, seconded by P. Raymond. Ayes All. Approved.

IV. Bills & Invoices

Upon review motion to approve the bills and invoices by B. Burton, seconded by W. Outwater. Ayes All. Approved.

V. Old Business

A.Larsen provided an update on the railroad revitalization project. CCIDA has a signed agreement in place with New York Susquehanna & Western for work on all crossings in the county. The CCIDA has been communicating with an individual operating a wood chip business, who has expressed interest in several rail-adjacent sites in the County. T. Heatherman has also contacted the CCIDA again regarding the loss of a spring house on his property during construction. A deed provided by the county states that Mr. Heatherman has a right to the spring.

B. Burton mentioned that the water rights don't necessarily include a spring house, which is not itself mentioned in the deed. E. Larsen said that we may want to ask for K. Pole's opinion.

A.Larsen said that the CCIDA is currently waiting on NYS&W to begin signal work.

E. Larsen asked if the CCIDA is pursuing any leads on businesses using the railroad. S. Craig replied that he has a meeting scheduled with Mirabito Natural Gas, which is considering utilizing the line.

S. Craig gave an update on Upstate Companies hangar. S. Craig said that he found through a conversation with Don Macintosh and Shane Butler that the land being built on at the airport is county land. Consequently, the hangar lease will be arranged through the county instead of CCIDA, which was previously thought to own the land. A. Larsen contacted the North Norwich Town Assessor to determine the approximate valuation of the hangar, which will allow the CCIDA to calculate PILOT benefits once the lease is in place.

E. Larsen mentioned that we'll have to hold a public hearing. S. Craig confirmed. R. Gibbon added that the CCIDA should also account for the time it will take for the PILOT to pass through the county committees and boards.

S. Craig gave an update on Distributed Sun. The owners are currently working with New York State on several issues. NYSERDA has issued some guidance on solar project valuation and benefits, which can be used once Distributed Sun is ready.

S. Palmatier discussed broadband issues in the county, including the potential for tax benefits similar to those being utilized in solar panel projects. R. Gibbon asked if there is any State aid available for broadband development. S. Palmatier replied that there are a series of ongoing state grants available designed to expand broadband access in rural areas. R. Gibbon explained the challenges that school districts and students are facing due to lack of access.

D. Jones mentioned the possibility of Chenango Links performing a broadband survey to measure the need. S. Palmatier discussed more of the hurdles to providing high-speed internet access to rural users.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by B. Burton, seconded by P. Raymond. Ayes All. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m.