

# WYOMING COUNTY IDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The WCIDA Board of Directors met on March 13, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. at the Wyoming County Business Center, 36 Center Street Warsaw, New York 14569.

#### 1. Roll call to establish quorum

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m., in attendance were: Mark Dadd, Chairman; A. Douglas Berwanger, Vice-Chairman; Rebecca Ryan, Treasurer; Niccole Hastings, Director; E. Joseph Gozelski, Director; James Pierce, Executive Director; Robin Marschilok, Director of Operations; Jennifer Tyczka, Program Manager; Scott Gardner, Economic Development Specialist and Kevin Zanner, Hurwitz & Fine, Agency Counsel.

Absent: T. McCormick, Treasurer; J. Rutowski, Director

### 2. Administrative

### A. Review/approve minutes from March 13, 2025 Board Meeting

The minutes from the March 13, 2025 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes by J. Gozelski. The motion was seconded by N. Hastings and unanimously carried.

#### B. Review and approve Financial Statements from March 2025

R. Marschilok presented the financial reports from March 2025. After review the Board approved the financial reports on a motion made by R. Ryan. The motion was seconded by D. Berwanger and unanimously carried.

## 3. Executive Director's Report

- Jim P. is still working with one of the owners of an ice cream manufacturing company based in Turkey that is interested in starting a manufacturing plant in Arcade. A meeting was held with one of the business owners, Empire State Development and Invest Buffalo Niagara who generated this lead. The discussion centered around incentives. Meanwhile the owner is having a contractor assess the work and costs of converting the smaller API building into a food grade facility. Project plans and numbers are expected soon.
- Jim P. continues to work with the developer of a proposed Microtel Hotel in Arcade. The developer submitted a grant application by the March 28<sup>th</sup> deadline and we have touched based with the representative from ESD that we had worked with on the application to be sure it was received. The developer applied for a \$1,000,000 grant, announcements are expected in late May or early June.
- The AES wind re-power projects for the town of Eagle is getting closer to having a complete IDA application prepared that will be considered by the Board.

- Jim P. continues with discussions with the owners of D & D Logging on plans they are considering that would move their wood mulching business out of the Village of Attica and into the Town of Attica. The project would involve building a couple of new structures and increasing employment by 7-10 people, they currently employ 10. Capital expenditures for the new project are proposed to be \$4 million.
- Jim P. continues to work with Upstate Door in Warsaw on a proposed expansion project. They are moving their offices down to the former Sears store on Main Street in Warsaw and are making plans to expand their production facility at the existing facility. The project has applied for a variance on the set back to the neighboring property, a public hearing is scheduled for May.
- We were contacted by Adam Marquart to request that the IDA be a grant applicant through the NYS Department of Transportation Multi-modal program for an expansion of the IDA's Wyoming Transfer Station facility located on Rt. 19A in Gainesville. A case was made that two additional sidings off the main switch are needed to help with the growth of the facility and having the flexibility of moving rail cars around. A grant application was submitted on April 6, 2025 by Robin after information was provided by Marquarts. If the grant is funded, we would need to seek authorization from the Board to sign the agreement with DOT and authorization for the IDA to sign a new ten-year lease for the land at the facility with Marquart Dairy, LLC owner of the property. The ten-year time frame is the life expectancy of the rail sidings.
- Jim P. is still working with Buffalo Wire who would like to put a facility into Arcade but the challenge is finding a building that is a suitable size for his needs and with the power he will need to support an operation that does a great deal of metal fabrication and welding.
- Jim P. was contacted by the ESD Regional Director of the Finger Lakes encouraging me to get the County submit a Letter of Intent to apply for an infrastructure project grant application for a new state grant program. With only two days of notice to submit a Letter of Intent, we worked with County Planning Director James Bragg to identify a project that was teed up and we got the Letter of Intent submitted for a water infrastructure project being planned in the Town of Arcade. The County has now been invited in to submit an application.

#### 4. Other Business - None

**5.** <u>Next Meeting:</u> The Next Meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025, at the Ag and Business Center.

#### 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m. on a motion made by D. Berwanger. The motion was seconded by N. Hastings and unanimously carried.

Meeting recorded and posted on You-Tube at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikAAil4abHM

Minutes prepared by: Robin Marschilok