

**COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2009
CCIDA OFFICES
3 East Washington Street
Ellicottville, NY
11:15 a.m.**

Roll Call

**Members
Present**

Thomas Buffamante - Chairman
Joseph Eade - Secretary
Crystal Abers - Member
Gregory Fitzpatrick - Member

**Members
Excused**

Joseph Higgins - 1st Vice Chairman
Salvatore Marranca - Second Vice Chairman
James Stitt - 1st Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Staff

Corey R. Wiktor - Executive Director

Guests

Kathy Kellogg - Buffalo News
Eric Hund - The Villager
Robert Dingman - NY&LE Railroad
Steve Patterson - NY&LE Railroad

Chairman, Thomas Buffamante called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m..

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Motion was made by Crystal Abers , with a second by Greg Fitzpatrick to accept the minutes from the August 4, 2009 Board Meeting as prepared. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

A Motion was made by Joseph Eade, with a second by Crystal Abers to accept the operating statement for July and August 2009. Motion Carried

A Motion was made by Crystal Abers, with a second by Greg Fitzpatrick to accept the 2009 Adjusted Budget as submitted. Motion Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Wiktor stated that he wanted to thank Greg Fitzpatrick for helping to review the monthly financial statements. With Mr. Fitzpatrick's extensive background he is able to answer any questions that CCIDA Board members have in regards to the operating statements.

Mr. Wiktor also advised the Board that a revised 2009 Budget has been prepared for the Board's review and approval. Mr. Wiktor stated to the Board that 13 line item expenses were decreased and 6 have increased, in line with meetings, travel, copier costs due to the various meetings being held in regards to wind projects and the handouts that have been given out at each meeting. The adjusted budget has decreased by approximately \$30,000. Mr. Wiktor also discussed the decrease in interest income which was decreased by \$15,000 do to the low interest rates being paid on Certificates of Deposits, also the Application Fee's have increased by \$35,000 due to an application which was received by the CCIDA and is expected to close by December 31, 2009.

Mr. Wiktor next discussed with the CCIDA Board the Public Hearing that was conducted at the CCIDA Offices on September 11, 2009 in regards to the 2009 HoliMont Inc. Project. Mr. Wiktor stated that HoliMont Inc. has presented an application to the CCIDA for sales tax abatement only on a \$655,000 project. Mr. Wiktor also stated that no one was in attendance at the Public Hearing that was held at the CCIDA offices.

RESOLUTION(s)

Motion was made by Joseph Eade seconded by Greg Fitzpatrick, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR HOLIMONT, INC. (THE “COMPANY”)**. A Roll Call vote was taken with Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Abers, Mr. Eade, Mr. Buffamante voting yes. Mr. Higgins, Mr. Marranca, and Mr. Stitt were excused. Motion Carried.

Mr. Wiktor next discussed the second 2009 Application received from Win Sum Ski Corp. In the amount of \$3,200,000 for the purchase and installation of a detachable quad chair to replace the current Morning Star Quad Chair. Win Sum is looking for sales tax abatement on this proposed project. Mr. Wiktor provided the CCIDA Board an aerial drawing of the actual physical location of the new quad chair. Mr. Wiktor stated that it is very encouraging to have a second application from Win Sum Ski Corp. who continues to reinvest in their facilities, with this application the total for the two (2) applications will be approximately \$6.5 million dollars.

RESOLUTION(s)

Motion was made by Greg Fitzpatrick seconded by Crystal Abers, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF WIN-SUM SKI CORP.** A Roll Call vote was taken with Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Abers, Mr. Eade and Mr. Buffamante voting yes. Mr. Higgins, Mr. Marranca, and Mr. Stitt were excused. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Joseph Eade seconded by Crystal Abers, **RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR WIN-SUM SKI CORP. WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.** A Roll Call vote was taken with Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Abers, Mr. Eade, and Mr. Buffamante voting yes. Mr. Higgins, Mr. Marranca, and Mr. Stitt were excused. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wiktor advised the CCIDA Board that he would like to move the October 6th Board Meeting to the latter part of October. Mr. Wiktor stated that it has been decided to suspend the annual dinner meeting for various reasons. Mr. Wiktor polled the Board and it was approved by the CCIDA Board members in attendance that Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 11:15 a.m. to be held at the CCIDA Offices would be acceptable.

Mr. Wiktor stated that he would like to say a special thank you to Crystal Abers for her dedication, team work and help in regards to the recent flooding in Cattaraugus County. Mr. Wiktor advised the CCIDA Board that here at the CCIDA we had some minor flooding. We had roughly three feet of water in the basement and had to replace the hot water tank and a storm door. We also purchased a load of millings to be put down in the parking lot to cover the washed out areas.

Mr. Wiktor discussed the three (3) Public Hearings that were conducted in regards to the Uniform Tax Exempt Policy/Pilot for the CCIDA, these Public Hearings were conducted September 8, 9, and 10th. A total of approximately 70-75 people attended for all three Public Hearings. Mr. Wiktor also thanked Tom Buffamante-Chairman of the CCIDA for his support in attending two of the three meetings conducted.

Mr. Wiktor stated that on September 14, 2009 the fifth wind meeting was conducted, the committee members were updated on the Public Hearings that were held and where we are currently at, after discussions the Wind Committee did not have any revisions or changes to add to the proposed policy. Mr. Wiktor also advised the Board that a court stenographer was hired to attend the three Public Hearings and when the information is compiled it will be distributed to all CCIDA Board members and also the nine members of the Wind Committee. Mr. Wiktor stressed that three Public Hearings were conducted when only one was required by law and these meetings were conducted in three different locations within Cattaraugus County in the evening to be as transparent as possible for the public.

Mr. Wiktor discussed what has been proposed by Mr. Bob Dingman and Mr. Steve Patterson of the New York & Lake Erie Railroad. A FEMA application was submitted the week prior to this meeting at Gowanda High School and this process has been started.

MEMBER ITEMS

A Motion was made by Joseph Eade seconded by Greg Fitzpatrick to go into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel.

A Motion was made by Joseph Eade seconded by Crystal Abers to return from Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn was made by Joseph Eade seconded by Greg Fitzpatrick. Motion Carried.

The next scheduled CCIDA Board Meeting will be October 22nd at 11:15 a.m. in the CCIDA Offices.