

**ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
 ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY IDA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
 ST. LAWRENCE RIVER VALLEY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
 ~ Meeting of June 11, 2015 ~**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM at the IDA Office, Main Conference Room, Canton.

ROLL CALL:

St. Lawrence County IDA/SLCIDA-LDC	St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA)
Blevins..... Present	Acres.....Present
Hall..... Present	Carroll..... Absent
LaBaff..... Present	Chairman McNeilPresent
McMahon Present	Murphy.....Present
Peck Present	Strait.....Present
Chairman Staples..... Present	
Weekes.....Absent	Bowers (Non-Voting)Present via Phone

Others: SLCIDA Staff (Patrick Kelly, Thomas Plastino, and Natalie Sweatland); Eric Gustafson, Esq., Counsel for the RVRDA.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notifications sent June 5, 2015 to, at a minimum: St. Lawrence County’s newspapers designated for the publication of local laws and other matters required by law to be published; additional local media sources and websites.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

STAFF REPORT: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Strait/Acres (RVRDA) and LaBaff/Blevins (IDALDC) motion for Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the finances of grant applicants. Motion approved unanimously and the Board goes into Executive Session at 3:05 PM. The Boards return to Regular Session at 3:15 PM.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution LDC-15-06-15 and RVR-15-06-06: Authorizing Funds Through the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency’s Community Development and Environmental Improvement Program. Strait/Acres (RVRDA) and LaBaff/McMahon (IDALDC) motion to approve the resolution. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

RVRDA Chairman McNeil asks Mr. Bowers to reports on how much has been made available to date through the power monetization. Mr. Bowers notes that he believes there is between \$1.1 Million and \$1.2

Million, adding that last month was slow and prices were low. Chairman McNeil notes that the program can move forward when Governor Cuomo appoints the Northern New York Power Proceeds Allocation Board members.

Resolution IDA-15-06-04: Authorizing Application for Grant Funds Through Northern Border Regional Commission. Mr. Kelly notes that an authorizing resolution is required as part of the application process. He notes that the SLCIDA is applying for additional funding to match the funds awarded through the State's CFA process to assist in replacement of additional ties on the Newton Falls Rail. Additional funds will help to get the rail to a higher class, with higher speeds. He adds that the NBRC is the funding stream through which we assisted Kinney Drugs on their water project. Mr. LaBaff inquires as to the status of the PILOT for Lewis County, to which Mr. Kelly notes that they are still working with the rail company on acceptable terms. Motion to approve Resolution IDA-15-06-14 by Mr. LaBaff, seconded by Mr. Blevins. The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. LaBaff asks if the IDA could take official action supporting the OBPA's efforts for bonding and urging Senator Ritchie to support the legislation. Mr. Acres notes that Senator Ritchie is working to get support at the Senate level. IDA Chairman Staples asks Mr. Kelly to draft a resolution for presentation at the IDA's Annual Meeting, scheduled for June 25. Mr. Kelly reports that the IDA has been working closely with OBPA on their proposed airport expansion project

Mr. Blevins asks how often the Bass Tournament can be held? He notes his concern that the tournament receives \$60,000 from the Legislators and \$60,000 from the RVRDA to offset a \$180,000 budget and that they will need to find some way to cover the tournament's costs if they plan on holding the events on an ongoing basis. Mr. Acres notes that this year, the tournament organizers can charge admission to offset some costs. Additionally, Cabellas is supposedly hosting next year's National Walleye Championship. He also notes that Bass Pro Shops funded the Finger Lakes' tournament, so their organizers didn't have to outlay funds. The Waddington organizers don't have that funding source. All members agree that these tournaments provide great exposure.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourns at 3:25PM by unanimous consent.

By: Natalie A. Sweatland
Recording Secretary