

Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency
Board of Directors Meeting Final Minutes
April 10, 2024 2:00 – 4:00 PM
TC Legislative Chambers
121 E. Court Street
Ithaca NY 14850

Present: Rich John, Todd Bruer, Jeff Gorsky, John Guttridge, Ducson Nguyen, Anne Koreman

Excused: Deborah Dawson

Admin: Heather McDaniel, Ina Arthur, Kellea Bauda (IAED), Russ Gaenzle (remote), Stephen Maier (remote) (Harris Beach)

CALL TO ORDER

Rich John called meeting to order at 2:52 pm.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Theresa Alt – Ms. Alt spoke to the local labor waiver for The Dean and its lack of being able to find local flooring contractors. She also spoke regarding the informational project status information. She asked what “in process” for The Breeze meant. She also objected to the use of the passive tone for The Hive’s status.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

John Guttridge requested an executive session be added to the agenda to discuss potential litigation and a personnel matter.

BUSINESS – None

CHAIRS REPORT – None

STAFF REPORT

Heather McDaniel presented information on the status of a number of IDA projects that the board approved. Some are under construction others have not yet finalized the legal closing documents with the IDA. Discussion ranged from setting a time limit for projects to closed on final documents to considering increasing incentives to help projects move forward.

Information on PILOT programs and Housing incentives will be gathered from other IDAs in NYS and presented at a later time.

Local labor waiver information was presented. It was also noted that staff is still waiting on a local contractor list from the Building Trades Council.

MINUTES

Todd Bruer made a motion to approve the Board minutes from the March 13, 2024 meeting. Anne Koreman seconded the motion. The motion as approved 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

John Guttridge made a motion to take the meeting into executive session to discuss potential litigation and a personnel matter. Todd Bruer seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0.

Rich John commented that it is not anticipated that any action will be taken during executive session.

Minutes were approved on May 8, 2024.