

Ulster County Economic Development Alliance
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MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance was held at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday January 12, 2021 through a Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87179964549>
Meeting ID: 871 7996 4549

The following Board Members were present by teleconference:

Sarah Haley
Ward Todd-Absent
Brian Cahill
Evelyn Wright
Herb Litts-Absent
Burt Gulnick
Amanda LaValle

President:

Tim Weidemann Director, Ulster County Office of Economic Development

Chief Financial Officer:

Chris Rioux CPA, Deputy Commissioner of Finance

Ulster County Office of Economic Development Staff:

Kate Heidecker	Deputy Director
Barbara Loughran	Business Services Representative
Natalie Michael	Confidential Secretary

Additional Attendees

None

The meeting was called to order by Sarah Haley at 4:35 P.M.

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Motion: Brian Cahill Seconded by Evelyn Wright moved to approve minutes for 11/24/2020.

Vote: The motion was adopted.

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OFFICERS REPORT

Enterprise West Redevelopment Project

Discussion: Tim Weidemann discusses the public hearing that was held the night prior on 1/11/2021. The public hearing went over next steps prior to a surplus of the property. March Galligaher, Comptroller expressed her desire to make sure the process is transparent and that there is public engagement as progress is made with plans and concepts.

Tim forwarded letter from The County Executive submitted to the Legislature indicating The County Executives desire to continue to see progress towards the redevelopment of these sites while understanding there is a need for public engagement there is also a need of urgency to move forward. This property represents a significant opportunity for Economic Development it can also represent a significant liability if not moved upon quickly for the County or local development corp that continues to hold them with no further action.

In the letter from the County Executive to the Legislature, The County Executive also asks that Economic Development Department initiate a request for expressions of interest where any entity of any size to submit interest to purchase some or all of the property, lease some or all of the property, or assist the county or chosen local development corporations to redevelop the sites.

The County Executive also requested that the UCEDA Board form an advisory committee to help with redevelopment.

Tim Weidemann prepared summary with a draft of the charter with the membership structure and proposed initial members some of whom are in some way affiliated with UCEDA and additional slots that will be discussed with recommendations and by major approval from the Board.

County Executive letter to the Legislature and proposed charter sent to the Board.

Vote for motion postponed for future meeting.

2021 Board Meeting Schedule

Tim Weidemann suggested that the Board go back to monthly meetings unless a special meeting is required.

Meetings built into the proposed meeting schedule to remain compliant.

Burt Gulnick proposed meeting in between March 2 and March 31st for the Audit Committee meeting because the audit is due on March 31st.

Motion: Amanda Lavalley seconded by Brian Cahill motioned to approve proposed annual meeting schedule for 2021.

Vote: Motion adopted.

2021 Programs and Services

Tim Weidemann discussed acknowledging and formalizing a proposed contract between UCEDA and the county in the February meeting.

The contract is what spells out the programs and services that UCEDA will perform on behalf of the County.

Tim Weidemann explained to the Board that there is an administrative overhead for finances and legal matters and would like to discuss how UCEDA would manage the financial and accounting and legal services in the future. Tim suggested that the Board consider having additional contracts to manage the legal and financial responsibilities.

Tim Weidemann also discussed the Ulster County revolving loan fund committee and adding more capital to the Revolving Loan Fund or augmenting with other financial assistance tools.

Tim Weidemann discussed the Ulster report and how the report had a number of recommended actions to move forward. Tim recommended that some of those programs should be presented as services and programs of UCEDA.

Financial report postponed until next meeting. CJ Rioux will gather financials for November and December at the February 2, 2021 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Authorize Submission of NY Main Streets Program Grant Application on Behalf of the Village of Ellenville

Discussion: Kathryn Heidecker Deputy Director of Economic development discussed the Main St Grant for Ellenville which is a grant of up to \$500,000 for a target area. This grant would be specifically for Canal and Center st. This Main Street grant would provide the opportunity for individual property owners to apply for grant of 100,000 for commercial improvements to enhance the attractiveness of the area.

Amanda Lavalley asked how this grant would be set up. Who will be holding and administering the money?

Kathryn Heidecker responded that the grant would be awarded to UCEDA but there is an allowance in the grant for administrative costs for UCEDA to hire a part time contractor but the Economic Development team could also assist with some of the management duties.

Motion: Brian Cahill seconded by Evelyn Wright motioned to approve the resolution endorsing the application to homes and community renewal.

Vote: The motion is adopted.

Formation and Appointment of Members to Special Advisory Committee on Enterprise West Redevelopment

Motion: Brian Cahill seconded by Evelyn Wright motioned to approve the amended advisory committee charter such that the Board will be no fewer than nine and no more than eleven total members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nobody asked for the privilege of the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Brian Cahill, seconded by Amanda Lavalle moved to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: The motion was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance is scheduled for 4:30, February 2, 2021.



Ward Todd, Secretary