



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**May 3, 2016 @ 4PM – Catskill Distillery, Bethel, New York**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jacob Billig	Joshua Potosek
Jim Bates	Michael Dollard
Richard Sush	Karen Fisher
Fred Stabbert III	Laura Quigley
Eric Egeland	Randy Resnick
Gary Schmidt	Lela Nussbaum
Gary Silver	Cathy Paty
Matt Dorcas	Dr. Karin Hilgersom
George Kinne	Alan Zuckerman
Jeff Siegel	Steve White
Roberta Byron-Lockwood	Warren Blumenthal
Jerry Skoda	Steve Vegliante
Lynne Freda	Glenn Gidaly
Peter Frunzi	John Conway
Suzanne Loughlin	Tammy Mangus
Dr. Gerard Galarneau	Lew Klugman
Darlene Fedun	Dan Grady

Also present: Marc Baez, Jennifer Clayton and Christopher Lockwood

Let the record show there was a quorum.

The board meeting was called to order 4:15pm by Jacob Billig.

Gary Silver motioned to accept the April minutes and Jim Bates seconded, all were in favor and none were opposed. The motion was passed.

Jim Bates motioned to accept the April schedule of payments and Jerry Skoda seconded, all were in favor and none were opposed. The motion was passed.

Motion to discuss the April financials was by Gary Silver and seconded by Jim Bates. Jim Bates presented the financials to the board, the first 1/4ly payment from the IDA has been received, and the County first and second 1/4ly payment has been received. We are above from last year, got county funding in, will be focusing on month to month. May will be difficult but we will push ahead. On average we are \$18-20,000 in monthly expenses. Gary Schmidt motioned to accept the April financials and Jerry Skoda seconded, all were in favor and none were opposed. The motion was passed.

SEQRA Conference will be held on May 10 from 5-9:30pm at The Sullivan. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Partnership doing this event. \$20 for municipal planning and zoning board members and Partnership members and \$30 for non members. Jerry Skoda asked if solar would be addressed, Jacob Billig stated that he wouldn't be addressing it but maybe other speakers would.

Fred Stabbert stated that there are 2 developers looking around the Town of Delaware. Rich Winters is looking to but in ½ billion in solar parks and Sim Fosters is buying hotels. Lynne Freda stated that Rich Winters did a presentation to her group. Jacob Billig asked what the benefit to the county would be. Lynne Freda suggested that we allow Rich Winters and Sim Fosters to come and give a 15 minute presentation to the board of directors. Fred Stabbert and Lynne Freda said that they would get Marc Baez the contact information for both individuals.

Richard Sush commented about the businesses in the Town of Thompson/Village of Monticello are upgrading. Salt & Pepper is in the middle of renovations currently, Monticello Bagel Bakery is doing renovations and DeFilippi's has also done renovations. Construction workers are utilizing local restaurants and businesses. Jim Bates said that all over the county from Roscoe down people are upgrading and looking towards the future. Not sure if it is due to the casino but people are looking towards the future.

Butch Resnick has purchased an egg farm and is expanding his business of manufacturing shelves. Golf course in Liberty has been bought and is now Oscar Browns. It was suggested that we put a one sentence blurb on the website for all projects that are currently going on in the county.

SCVA - Catskill Challenge is coming up

Darlene Fedun spoke about the CFA process. It is difficult to navigate the process and there are worthy projects. Suzanne Loughlin stated that the IDA has money to help facilitate the process and anyone interested should contact the IDA.

Jacob Billig has reached out to the Towns of Bethel, Thompson, Fallsburg, Liberty and Villages of Monticello and Liberty to work together to get CFA funding. Is there a regional portion to get hold of? Use that funding to revitalize main streets as a group effort. Can it be done? Do they want to do a joint effort?

IDA has approved MetCar package and are looking at June to do a welcome ceremony for them. Still working with GW Manufacturing and waiting on a response from them.

Darlene Fedun stated that there is a 5 year plan for Sullivan County and the outline is available and she will get it to us, so that we can get it out to board members.

**Upcoming Events:**

May 7 – Bethel Woods Masquerade

May 15 – Chamber Gala, 11-2 @ Villa Roma

June 2 – CFA Informational Session, 4-6 @ CVI

August 14 – Bagel Festival

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5pm was by Jeff Siegel and seconded by Gary Silver, all were in favor and none were opposed. The motion was passed.