

**North Country Regional Economic Development Council**  
**Friday, February 14, 2014 at 11:00am**  
**SUNY Plattsburgh**

Present: Garry Douglas, Tony Collins, James Calnon, John Donoghue, Janet Duprey, John Ettling, Bill Farber, Kate Fish, Paul Grasso, Jim McKenna, Bill Murray

Present via Phone: Cali Brooks, Billy Jones, Carl McLaughlin, Addie Russell, Mark Tryniski, Donna Wadsworth, Jim Wright, Lisa Weber

Also Present: Brian Quiara for Lt. Governor Duffy (via phone), Dan MacEntee for Sen Betty Little (via phone)

Absent: Ken Blankenbush, Randy Douglas, Carolyn Fitzpatrick, Jeffery Graham, Joe Griffo, Bridget-Ann Hart, Hugh Hill, Anne Merrill, Jon Putney, Marie Regan, Patty Ritchie, Michael Tabolt, David Tomberlin, Eric Virkler, Dan Wilt

Public Session

Garry Douglas opening the public session at 1:10 pm.

Garry Douglas provided an overview of the working session.

We talked about restructuring the council's work groups and the focus of this year being Global NY. We passed a resolution opposing changes to the public authorities law and another resolution supporting Franklin County bed tax. We have two new members to the council, Jim Calnon, mayor of the City of Plattsburgh, and Sam Dyer, chair of the Clinton County Legislature. We supported a not-for-profit bridge loan fund to be administered by DANC. Fundraising will be held to create a fund where not-for-profits can apply for a loan for interim financing for CFA projects as state reimbursement comes at the end of the project. We heard updates from the Adirondack Park, HEARD, and Clean Energy working groups. We also discussed proposed NYS budget actions that are or could be related to the NCREDC.

Keith Tyo: Made a presentation on Start Up NY

Matt Draper: Made a presentation on Clarkson's Innovation Hot Spot Network.

Public Comment:

Willie Janeway, Executive Director of the Adirondack Council: We support the Adirondack Branding project.

Upcoming events were noted.

Garry Douglas adjourned the public session at 2:00pm.