



Regional Economic Development Council - WNY MEETING SUMMARY

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 10:10 am

Location: SUNY Fredonia Williams Center, 280 Central Ave, Fredonia, NY 14063

Council Members Present: Co-Chair Jeff Belt, Co-Chair Dr. Virginia Horvath, Deanna Alterio-Brennen, Paul Brown, Dr. Rosa Gonzalez, Tom Kucharski, Michael Metzger and Michael Ulbrich.

Ex-Officio: Chautauqua County Executive George Borrello, Designee of the Cattaraugus County Chair Crystal Abers, and Michael Casale for Niagara County Legislature Chair, Anthony Vilardo for Mayor Paul Dyster, and Julie Barry for Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz.

State Agency/Local Government: ESD-WNY Staff: Christopher Schoepflin, Michael Ball, Steven Gawlik, Janet Murray, Diego Sirianni, Mo Sumbundu, Lynn Marinelli, Amanda Mays, Laura Magee and Jean Williams. Chamber: Lori Cornell. DOS: Christopher Bauer. Agriculture & Markets: Hector Gonzalez DOT: Jim Cuozzo. Parks: Mark Mistretta. Labor: Cesar Cabrera, John Slenker and Tim Quinn. NYPA: Rich Smith. NYSERDA: Lori Borowiak.

Special Guests: Dunkirk Mayor Willie Rosas and Dunkirk Director of Development Rebecca Yanus; Vince DeJoy, Director of Development, City of Jamestown; Mark Guise, Executive Director Chautauqua County IDA; Susan McCartney, Buffalo State College. Laura Quebral, University of Buffalo Regional Institute.

Time Adjourned: 11:42 am

Welcome and Remarks: Jeff Belt and Dr. Virginia Horvath, Co-Chairs, WNY Regional Economic Development Council.

Mr. Belt welcomed three new council members to the WNY-REDC.

Dr. Horvath, President of SUNY-Fredonia, welcomed the council and guests to the campus.

Call to Order: read by Michael Ball, Regional Director, Empire State Development

☒ Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.

☐ Conflicts noted: (Please List)



☐ Recusals noted: (Please List)

☒ No conflicts noted.

☐ The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

Reports/Discussions/Motions:

10:15 am Welcoming Remarks

Hon. George Borrello, County Executive, Chautauqua County

- Power point presentation

10:30 am Round 8 - Regional Economic Development Council Competition

Michael Ball, Regional Director, Empire State Development

- Power point presentation

10:40 am Round 3 - Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Christopher Bauer, Brownfield Opportunity Areas Coordinator, NYS Department of State

Michael Ball, Regional Director, Empire State Development

- Power point presentations
- Sign up for CFA score groups and DRI Committee

10:50 am City of Jamestown Downtown Revitalization Initiative Update

Vince DeJoy, Director of Development, City of Jamestown

- Power point presentation

11:07 am City of Dunkirk Western New York Smart Growth Community Fund Update

Willie Rosas, Mayor, City of Dunkirk and Rebecca Yanus, Director of Development

- Power point presentation

11:20 am Buffalo Billion Update



Christopher Schoepflin, Senior Vice President, Empire State Development

- Power point presentation, highlighting some of the 49 signature initiatives

11:35 am NYSERDA Net Zero Energy for Economic Development

Lori Borowiak, Project Manager, NYSERDA

- Power point presentation and encouragement to spread the information

11:40 am Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Jeff Belt and Dr. Virginia Horvath, Co-Chairs, WNY Regional Economic Development Council