



NCREDC Meeting Summary

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: June 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Lussi Ballroom at the Convention Center at Lake Placid

Council Members Present: Cali Brooks, Joseph Butler, David Champagne III, Tim Currier, Richard Daddario, Larry Dolhof, Cathy Dove, Scott Gray, James Lazore, Joseph Lightfoot, James McKenna, Kylie Peck, Angela Smith, Ty Stone, Zvi Szafran, Donna Wadsworth, Dan Wilt, James Wright, John Zielinski

Council Members Substitutes: None

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: Dick Ashlaw (Designee for Senator Griffo), Jennifer Bechtol, Seth Belt, Nicole Conant, Jason Denno, Kristin Devoe, Jeremy Evans, Stephen Hunt, Erin Hynes, Dan Kelleher, Mark Migliore, Alie Walsh

Special Guests: John Maggiore, Senior Advisor to Governor Cuomo, Emily Badalamente, Excelsior Fellow at the Office of the Governor, and Bruce Stewart, Director of Jefferson-Lewis Childcare Project

Time Adjourned: 11:55 a.m.

Welcome and Remarks:

Call to Order:

- ☑ Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.
☐ Conflicts noted:
☐ Recusals noted:
☑ No conflicts noted.
☐ The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

Reports/Discussions/Motions:

Chairperson Mr. James McKenna welcomed the council and the public to session. He

- introduced himself as President and CEO of Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism and Dr. Ty Stone introduced herself as the President of Jefferson Community College. All council members introduced themselves.
asked for the approval of the summary of the previous meeting: A motion was made for a vote to approve the meeting summary; unanimous approval. No discussion.
asked Dr. Stone to give a review of the regional co-chair tour forums that had stops in Clinton, Hamilton, Lewis, Franklin, and Jefferson counties (CFA workshops were held in Essex and St.Lawrence) She stated that although there are many different areas in the region, they all seem to have the same challenges: workforce, seasonal economy, attracting young

professionals and families, and transportation. Co-Chairs encouraged participants to look at the CFA to see if some of these issues might be addressed.

Stephen Hunt provided the Executive Director's Report.

John Maggiore, Senior Advisor to the Governor, presented to the council and public, on a variety of statewide topics: taxes, \$150 billion infrastructure plan, affordable healthcare, increased funding for education, \$300 million for environmental protection fund, investment in clean water, ethics-related reforms, new laws on sexual harassment, money allocated for the REDC. He also reviewed regional projects and investments.

Emily Badalamente, Excelsior Fellow in the Governor's Office and Bruce Stewart, Executive Director of St. Lawrence Child Care Council presented information and statistics on child care. .

Mr. McKenna thanked all of the work groups before the reports were presented: Placemaking Work Group report was given by Kylie Peck, the work group leader, Workforce Work Group report was given by Cheryl Mayforth on behalf of Fritz Keel, the work group leader, Tradable Sectors Work Group report was given by John Zielinski, the work group leader, and the Innovation Work Group report was given by Dan Kelleher on behalf of Stephanie Ratcliffe, the work group leader.

Dr. Stone and Mr. McKenna presented a regional strategy PowerPoint; looking at how to make a difference, how to position ourselves, and what does the road map of the North Country look like? A motion was made for a vote to approve that the NCREDC will put on the agenda the creation of the North Country Competitive Identity (NCCI); unanimous approval.

Mr. McKenna spoke of upcoming meeting and assignments: (1.) NCREDC will have an important closed working session (regarding the CFAs and the scoring) on August 28th; location TBD. (2.) The CFA closes on July 26, 2019 at 4 p.m. sharp. (3.) There is a CFA workshop at 1:30 p.m. here, today.

Laurie Marr, writing team, talked about creating the annual progress report for the state. The report is about the progress that has been made over the last year. Work groups will need to come up with successes. Photos are needed for the report.

Public comment: (1.) Larry Dolhof, on behalf of Lewis County, said kudos to the state of New York and the Governor, regarding broadband. (2.) Robb Carr, Director of ADK, has secured a warehouse on Depot Street, in the Saranac Lake DRI area, and is working to try to create a safe place and community to attract young professionals to the area. (3.) Kevin Feuka, Engineer at C2AE, said he appreciated the council's time on the variety of issues and the money that is spent in the region.

Dr. Stone thanked everyone for their efforts and commitment.

This completed Chairperson McKenna's report of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council public session.