

**Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie (ECRDA)
Minutes of Public Zoom Meeting
July 28, 2020**

The Redevelopment Authority of the County of Erie's public meeting of July 28, 2020, 8:00 am via Zoom conference call. This meeting is pursuant to a legal ad published in the Erie Times on July 26, 2020.

Members Present via zoom call: John Laird, Kate Philips, Harry Eighmy, Bill DeLuca, and Tim McCormick. **Others via zoom call:** Jenna Bickford, Esq., Tina Mengine, Linda Robbins and County Executive, Kathy Dahlkemper.

Call to Order: Bill DeLuca, Chairman called the public zoom meeting to order at 8:01am.

Hearing of the Public: Bill DeLuca asked for public comment. No members of the public dialed in.

Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2020*:

Bill DeLuca asked for comments. As there were none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes. **On a motion** by John Laird, and seconded by Tim McCormick, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Financial Report*: ECRDA*

Linda Robbins reported on the June financials, further adding the 2019 audit is in progress. Board discussion ensued. Bill DeLuca called for a motion to approve the financials as presented. **On a motion** by Harry Eighmy and seconded by John Laird, the financials were unanimously approved as presented.

New Business:

Berry Plastics:

Tina Mengine noted the project with Berry is progressing, ECRDA plans to submit a \$3M RACP application. The DEP and EPA consultant are working together, along with Urban Engineers to prepare the site. Target completion is 2022. Updates to follow.

CARES Funding:

Tina Mengine indicated that County Council will meet next week to approve allocation of funds. ECRDA looks to manager the \$4.7M for-profit, Small Business Grant Program, of which we will take applications online. The County Executive commented that the monies need to be distributed by 12/31/20.

CEO Update:

Tina Mengine commented that Chris Groner will officially join the team on August 17th. Additionally, Rebecca Styn was hired to administer the CARES grant program and Hazards Pays grant program through DCED, along with Social media and Outreach. Rebecca is part-time. Current projects/partnerships include: Savocchio Business Park, Fairview Business Park, and the Airport Authority's 14- acre project. In-City Farms has sent in the signed contract and deposit and are in their due diligence phase. We are working on an online property marketing program and real estate signage, as well as identifying land for acquisition. She noted that the Board gave an additional 90-day deferment to the hospitality industry for the emergency Covid-19 loan repayment. A handful of non-hospitality business have asked for extensions. The Board unanimously concurred that these should be looked at on a case by case basis. Bill DeLuca asked Jenna to investigate the status of Mid-American. Updates to follow. Lastly, Linda Robbins updated the Board on the Emergency Loan fund status: Of the (30) loans, 30% have made their July payment, 23% were waived through September 30th and (13) loans are in default, with notices pending.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, Bill DeLuca called for a motion to adjourn. **On a motion** by Kate Philips and seconded by Harry Eighmy the meeting formally adjourned at 8:45am.