

**Tompkins County Industrial Development Agency
Board of Directors Meeting Approved Minutes
October 9, 2014
TC Legislative Offices
121 E. Court Street, Ithaca, NY**

Present: Larry Baum, Svante Myrick, Will Burbank, Nathan Shinagawa

Staff Present: Heather Filiberto, Ina Arthur (recording), Mariette Geldenhuys

Guests Present: Dan Mitchell (Ithaca Beer)

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - None

BUSINESS

Draft 2015 TCIDA Budget

Ms. Arthur commented that the draft budget is being presented for approval today to comply with the PAAA requirement to submit a budget report by November 1st. A final budget for 2015 and a request from TCAD for economic development support will be presented at the December Board meeting.

Svante Myrick moved to approve the Draft 2015 TCIDA Budget. Nathan Shinagawa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ithaca Beer Expansion Application

Mr. Mitchell explained that this is a 23,800 sf expansion that will house the new packaging facility. He is hoping to start construction before winter.

Ms. Filiberto reported that the company is on track to meet 40% production growth and that it has met all job growth goals from the last application.

Mr. Burbank asked if there is a “career path” for employees. Mr. Mitchell stated that they always look to promote from within existing staff and that they do a lot of internal training.

Mr. Baum asked if the sales representatives are regional? Yes.

Ms. Filiberto stated that the goal is to move the project application on to a public hearing.

Svante Myrick moved to send the Ithaca Beer Expansion Application to a public hearing. Will Burbank seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Burbank asked about paying a living wage – all staff levels seem to be making above this yet the box about the living wage is checked no.

Mr. Mitchell stated that this is a moving target all the time.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Filiberto reported that the Black Oak Wind Farm project is moving slowly. SEQR is still in progress. They have their power purchase offer in place and have sent out a call for investment in their second round of fund raising.

A CIITAP application from 130 Clinton, LLC has been approved by the City of Ithaca and should be coming to the IDA Board soon.

Staff has been meeting and holding listening sessions with union representatives, developers, past IDA customers and contractors regarding the local labor policy discussion.

BinOptics will be coming back to the board in November for final approval of its project. They did not come back this month since with Mr. Baum needing to recuse himself there was not a quorum of board members.

Mr. Burbank asked that a meeting be set up with Barbara Lifton and other Legislators regarding possible State legislation that will be considered regarding IDAs

MINUTES

Mr. Baum made a correction to the minutes, noting that he is an investor in one of the capital venture companies investing in BinOptics – not in the company itself.

Will Burbank moved to approve the Draft September 11, 2014 TCIDA Board minutes as amended. Svante Myrick seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM

Minutes were approved at the November 13, 2014 Board meeting.