



## **Erie County Industrial Development Authority (ECIDA)**

### **Minutes of Public Meeting February 21, 2023**

The Erie County Industrial Development Authority held a public meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 11:00am via teleconference. The meeting was pursuant to a legal ad ran in the Erie Times on February 19, 2023.

**Members Present:** Ralph DeRose, Ron Jones, Owen McCormick, Jean Langer, Dan Harmon.

**Members Excused:** Betsy Bort and Rachel Artise.

**Others in attendance:** Jay Alberstadt, Esq., Tina Mengine, Linda Robbins.

**Call to Order/Introductions:** Ralph DeRose, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

**Public Comments:** There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ralph DeRose, Chairman, asked for input on the May 11, 2021, minutes. As there was none, he called for a motion to approve. **On a motion**, by Ron Jones and seconded by Owen McCormick, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**Financial Report:** Linda Robbins reviewed current financials. Board discussion ensued. **On a motion**, by Owen McCormick and seconded by Ron Jones, the financials were unanimously accepted as presented.

#### **New Authority Business:**

- **2021 Financial Review\*:**

Linda Robbins gave a report on findings contained in the 2021 Financial Review. Board discussion ensued. **On a motion**, by Owen McCormick and seconded by Dan Harmon, the 2021 Financial Review was unanimously approved as presented.

- **EPA Resolution #2023-001\*:**

Tina Mengine noted this Resolution is authorizing ECIDA to accept a \$500,000 EPA Brownfield grant for countywide environmental services. Additionally, an RFP was awarded to AMO Environmental Decisions to act as the service provider. Board discussion ensued.

**On a motion**, by Dan Harmon and seconded by Owen McCormick, the Resolution was unanimously approved as presented.

- **Statement of Financial Interest Forms:**

Tina Mengine asked that all Board members fill out the form and submit to Karen Spilko.

**CEO Update:**

**Annual Report to the Community:** The event was held on Friday, 2/10 at the UPMC Park Stadium Club. At the event, ECRDA highlighted its successes throughout 2022. Tina thanked all who attend. Karen Spilko will send out hard copies of the Annual Report to each member.

**EPA Grant #1:** Tina thanked the ECIDA Board for their efforts with the prior EPA grant. Portions of the \$500,000 grant were used for removal of underground tanks found during the demo of McDonalds at 5<sup>th</sup> and State, demolition, and clean-up of both the EMI and Quin-T sites. A portion of the second \$500,000 EPA grant will be used for removal of two tanks at the Quin-T site.

**Federal Funding:** Tina indicated that federal funding will be applied for in 2023 through the ECIDA.

**TIF:** Tina commented that Northeast Township has expressed interest in a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) along with the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor possibly applying for a TIF district.

**Chairman Report:**

Ralph DeRose complimented Tina and staff on recent accomplishments and a successful February 10<sup>th</sup> event.

**Adjournment:**

Ralph DeRose asked for other business. As there was none, he called for a motion to adjourn.

**On a motion**, by Ron Jones, and seconded by Dan Harmon the meeting adjourned at 11:29am.