

**SCHOHARIE COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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Jim Halios
CEO / Executive Director

Chester Burton
Chairperson

SCIDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, October 17, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

SCIDA Members: Chester Burton, Leo McAllister, Charles Finin, Gail Breen, Michael Moore

Staff: Jim Halios/CEO, Sarah Nickle/Admin.

1. **Roll Call** – Meeting called to order by Chairperson Chester Burton at 9:05 a.m.
Burton: Present
McAllister: Present
Breen: Present
Moore: Present
Finin: Present

Others Present: Jim Halios/CEO, Sarah Nickle/Admin., Patsy Nicosia/Times Journal

2. **Reading & Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve minutes of September 19, 2024, made by McAllister, seconded by Finin – Approved.
3. **Bills & Communications** - None
4. **CEO Monthly Activity Report** – CEO Halios updated the board members on the following items:
Site visit to the Walmart distribution Center in Sharon Springs.
Meeting w/ Evan Maslin Economic Development Director for Southern Tier 8.
Meeting w/ SEEC, County, SUNY, and local nut farmer to discuss development of nut processing facilities.
Upcoming BEST conference in Binghamton NY.
Presentation to Cobleskill Rotary Club.
5. **Report of the Treasurer** – A Trustco CD in the amount of \$125,232.60 matured September 2024 and deposited in the SCIDA general checking account. \$100,000.00 will be transferred to an LPL interest bearing money market account. \$25,232,60 will remain in the NBT checking account for expenses.
6. **Strategic Planning Discussion** – Discussion centered around our workforce development partners (SUNY Cobleskill & BOCCES) and how to align programs and education to potential employer workforce needs. The Board also discussed incentives the IDA can offer existing and startup businesses and how the IDA could identify areas for prep and predevelopment for shovel ready business sites. Housing projects may be another focus of the IDA in the future.

7. Unfinished Business –

Shad Point - Based on feedback from NYS DOT and the NYS Thruway Authority a more detailed study of the proposed intersection on Mineral Springs Rd. is needed. This is not currently in the scope of work MRB is commissioning Passero to perform. The extra estimated cost is \$5,000 for this study. Additionally, Lamot Engineers will need to conduct a flow test on the fire hydrant. This will enable MRB to complete the engineering of waterlines to the site. This work is also out of scope and is estimated to cost \$1,000. The projects ARPA funds will cover these additional out of scope expenses.

8. Executive Session – Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:01 a.m. made by Moore and seconded by McAllister. Approved.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:16 a.m. made by Breen and seconded by Finin. Approved.

9. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. made by Moore seconded by Finin. Approved.