

**Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency
Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2020**

The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency held their board meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Rift Camp, Wellesley Island, NY.

Present: David Converse, Chair, Paul Warneck, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

Also Present: Joseph Russell, Esq., Abbey Buttacavoli from 7 News, and Craig Fox from the Watertown Daily Times

Staff Present: Donald Alexander, David Zembiec, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Marshall Weir, Jay Matteson

Excused: John Jennings

Absent: None

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Converse called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m.
- II. Privilege of the Floor:** Mr. Converse invited guests to speak. No one spoke.
- III. Minutes:** Minutes of the regular meeting held August 6, 2020 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. Carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Aliasso reviewed the financials for the period ending August 31, 2020. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. All in favor. Carried.
- V. Committee Reports:** None.
- VI. Unfinished Business:**
 - 1. 146 Arsenal Street Building** – Mr. Converse said this item was discussed in the JCLDC Board meeting held earlier this morning. It was noted that a JCLDC Building and Grounds meeting is scheduled for September 16th.
 - 2. City Center Industrial Park Rail Project** – Mr. Zembiec said that we are waiting for agreements so the contractors can mobilize. Attorney Russell said that he has the legal descriptions and the deeds prepared and ready for recording. He said Renzi's financing is complicated, but he continues to work with their attorney.
 - 3. Business Complex Grants** – Mr. Zembiec said that he is seeking extensions on the Border and ESD grants.

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VII. New Business: None.

VIII. Counsel: Mr. Alexander said the proposed resolutions/agreements were prepared by special counsel, SwartzMoses, since Attorney Russell's firm is representing the clients.

1. ASA Clayton NY Solar I LLC

- a. Environmental Resolution No. 09.10.2020.01** – Mr. Converse asked for a motion to discuss the attached resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Walldroff, seconded by Mr. Aliasso. Discussed ensued. Mr. Aliasso said the documents refer to sales and use tax exemptions. Attorney Russell said it's because the language reflects what they applied for so it's appropriate to have them in these documents. He said the final authorizing resolution will reflect what the board actually approves. Mr. Alexander said he has been trying to determine the strategy since the County's policy prohibits the sales tax exemption. He said an agreement will have to be made between the IDA and the developer for the IDA to collect the County's 4% from the developer and turn it over to the County.

Mr. Warneck asked if we can request payroll reports by zip codes to determine local hires. Attorney Russell said it can be included in the Project Agreement as a requirement.

Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Absent, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L'Huillier – Yea. Carried.

- b. Preliminary Inducement Resolution No. 09.10.2020.02** – Mr. Converse asked for a motion to discuss the attached resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Mr. Warneck. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Absent, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L'Huillier – Yea. Carried.
- c. Preliminary Agreement** – Mr. Converse asked for a motion to discuss the attached agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Walldroff, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Absent, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L'Huillier – Yea. Carried.

2. GSPP 24658 County Route 47 North, LLC

- a. Environmental Resolution No. 09.10.2020.03** – Mr. Converse asked for a motion to discuss the attached resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Mr. Warneck. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Absent, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L'Huillier – Yea. Carried.

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- b. Preliminary Inducement Resolution No. 09.10.2020.04** – Mr. Converse asked for a motion to discuss the attached resolution. A motion was made by Ms. L’Huillier, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Absent, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L’Huillier – Yea. Carried.
- c. Preliminary Agreement** – Mr. Converse asked for a motion to discuss the attached agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Ms. L’Huillier. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Absent, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L’Huillier – Yea. Carried.

3. GSPP 24658 County Route 47 South, LLC

- a. Environmental Resolution No. 09.10.2020.05** - Mr. Converse asked for a motion to discuss the attached resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Aliasso. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Absent, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L’Huillier – Yea. Carried.
- b. Preliminary Inducement Resolution No. 09.10.2020.06** - Mr. Converse asked for a motion to discuss the attached resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Warneck, seconded by Mr. Aliasso. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Absent, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L’Huillier – Yea. Carried.
- c. Preliminary Agreement** - Mr. Converse asked for a motion to discuss the attached agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Warneck, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Converse – Yea, Mr. Jennings – Absent, Mr. Aliasso – Yea, Mr. Walldroff – Yea, Mr. Warneck – Yea, Mr. Johnson – Yea, Ms. L’Huillier – Yea. Carried.

Mr. Aliasso made a comment that the ASA Clayton SEQR document was confusing because the size of the project is not the actual size. Attorney Russell said its because the SEQR is based on the tax parcel and the project is within that tax parcel.

Mr. Warneck said that it would be nice to receive the local government approvals with applications.

- IX. Adjournment:** With no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Ms. L’Huillier. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the Rift Camp, Wellesley Island, New York on September 10, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT: David Converse, Paul Warneck, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT: John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: Donald Alexander, David Zembiec, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Marshall Weir, Jay Matteson, Joseph Russell, Esq., Abbey Buttacavoli from 7 News and Craig Fox from the Watertown Daily Times

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Walldroff, seconded by Mr. Aliasso, to wit:

Resolution No. 09.10.2020.01

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR ASA CLAYTON NY SOLAR I LLC (THE "COMPANY") WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and

economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency on or about July 7, 2020, a copy of which was presented at this meeting and copies of which are on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in a certain parcel of land located in the Town of Clayton, to wit: tax parcel 41.00-2-5.1, Jefferson County, New York (the “Land”), and (2) construction, installation and equipping on the Land of a solar-powered electric generating facility, including all related equipment and improvements, with a total planned alternating current output capacity of 1.25 megawatts (the “Facility”) to be operated by the Company (the Land and the Facility collectively referred to as the “Project Facility”); (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the “SEQR Act”), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”, and together with the SEQR Act, “SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, undertaking the Project is an Action as defined by SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clayton Planning Board (the “Town”), acting as lead agency, conducted a coordinated review of the Project, and although the Agency was not included as an involved agency in the review conducted by the Town, the Agency received and reviewed a complete copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form reviewed by the Town and of the environmental review proceedings conducted by the Town (collectively, the “EAF”), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency and has been provided to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the Project and the EAF, together with the Agency’s knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, and such further information as is available to the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the classifications of actions contained in the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proceedings conducted by the Town and the EAF and concurs with the findings of the Town that the Project will not result in a significant environmental impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The Project is a Type I Action pursuant to SEQRA.
- Section 2. Although the Town, as lead agency, did not include the Agency as an involved agency for purposes of the Town’s coordinated environmental review, the Agency has reviewed the environmental review conducted by the Town and concurs with the findings of the Town. Accordingly, the Agency hereby adopts as its own the Town’s environmental review and findings, and determines that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Section 3. A Negative Declaration of significant adverse environmental impact shall be prepared, filed, published and distributed in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.12.
- Section 4. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.
- Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
John Jennings	VOTING	<u>ABSENT</u>
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Paul Warneck	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
William Johnson	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Lisa L’Huillier	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss.:

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on September 10, 2020, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 14th day of September, 2020.



Donald C. Alexander
Chief Executive Officer

PRELIMINARY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the Rift Camp, Wellesley Island, New York on September 10, 2020 at 9:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

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ABSENT: John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: Donald Alexander, David Zembiec, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Marshall Weir, Jay Matteson, Joseph Russell, Esq., Abbey Buttacavoli from 7 News and Craig Fox from the Watertown Daily Times

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Mr. Warneck, to wit:

Resolution No. 09.10.2020.02

RESOLUTION TAKING PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR ASA CLAYTON NY SOLAR I LLC (THE "COMPANY") AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound

commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency on or about July 7, 2020, a copy of which was presented at this meeting and copies of which are on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in a certain parcel of land located in the Town of Clayton, to wit: tax parcel 41.00-2-5.1, Jefferson County, New York (the "Land"), and (2) construction, installation and equipping on the Land of a solar-powered electric generating facility, including all related equipment and improvements, with a total planned alternating current output capacity of 1.25 megawatts (the "Facility") to be operated by the Company (the Land and the Facility collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to undertake the Project in Jefferson County, New York, (B) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York and (C) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Jefferson County, New York by undertaking the Project in Jefferson County, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 10, 2020

(the "SEQR Resolution"), the Agency has determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, any approval of the Project contained herein is contingent upon a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following satisfaction of the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act that relate to the Project; and

WHEREAS, although the resolution authorizing the Project has not yet been drafted for approval by the Agency, a preliminary agreement (the "Preliminary Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Agency has reviewed the Application and based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application and at this meeting and, based thereon, the Agency hereby accepts the Application and makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:

(A) The Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act; and

(B) The completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and

(C) The Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project; and

(D) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project, through the granting of the various tax exemptions described in Section 2(E) of this Resolution, will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and

(E) Upon compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Agency would then be authorized under the Act to undertake the Project in order to promote the

job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living.

Section 2. If, following full compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the public hearing requirements set forth in Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance with respect thereto and the Company complies with all conditions set forth in the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire a leasehold interest in the Project Facility from the Company pursuant to a lease agreement to be negotiated between the Agency and the Company (the "Company Lease"); (B) acquire an interest in machinery, equipment and personal property related to the Project Facility pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency (the "Bill of Sale") or otherwise; (C) construct, install and equip the Project Facility on the Land; (D) sublease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to a leaseback agreement (hereinafter the "Agency Lease", and together with the Company Lease and the Bill of Sale, the "Conveyance Documents") between the Agency and the Company whereby the Company will be obligated, among other things, to pay all costs incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and/or the Project Facility, including all costs of operation and maintenance, all taxes and other governmental charges, any required payments in lieu of taxes, the administrative fee of the Agency, and the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to or in connection with the Project and/or the Project Facility, and (E) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes), subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT Payments") with respect to the Project Facility, all as contemplated by the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 3. If the Agency adopts the Future Resolution, the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project as contemplated by Section 2 of this Resolution, shall be subject to: (A) the determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of SEQRA that relate to the Project have been fulfilled; (B) execution and delivery by the Company of the Preliminary Agreement, which sets forth certain conditions for the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and satisfaction by the Company of all the terms and conditions of the Preliminary Agreement applicable to the Company; (C) agreement by the Agency and the Company on mutually acceptable terms for the Conveyance Documents; (D) agreement between the Company and the Agency as to payment by the Company of PILOT Payments with respect to the Project Facility, together with the administrative fee of the Agency with respect to the Project; (E) a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act have been complied with; and (F) the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy or if any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project

is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency must follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(b) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

Section 4. The form, terms and substance of the Preliminary Agreement (in substantially the form presented to this meeting and attached hereto) are in all respects approved, and the First Chairman or Vice Chairman, Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver said Preliminary Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, said Preliminary Agreement to be substantially in the form presented to this meeting, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting.

Section 5. From and after the execution and delivery of the Preliminary Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Preliminary Agreement as executed.

Section 6. Swartz Moses PLLC ("Agency Counsel") is hereby appointed counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Agency Counsel is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 7. The Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, after consultation with Agency Counsel, (A) to establish a time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project Facility and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said public hearing to be held in the city, town or village where the Project Facility will be located, unless alternate arrangements are permitted or required by Executive Order; (B) to cause notice of such public hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units where the Project Facility is to be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act and to be published no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for such public hearing; (C) to cause notice of said public hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for said public hearing; (D) to conduct such public hearing; and (E) to cause a report of said public hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at said public hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

Section 8. The First Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency on or about May 6, 2020, a copy of which was presented at this meeting and copies of which are on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in a certain parcel of land located in the Town of Champion, to wit: tax parcel 76.06-1-38.1, Jefferson County, New York (the “Land”), and (2) construction, installation and equipping on the Land of a solar-powered electric generating facility, including all related equipment and improvements, with a total planned alternating current output capacity of 0.875 megawatts (the “Facility”) to be operated by the Company (the Land and the Facility collectively referred to as the “Project Facility”); (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the “SEQR Act”), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”, and together with the SEQR Act, “SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, undertaking the Project is an Action as defined by SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Champion Planning Board (the “Town”), acting as lead agency, conducted an uncoordinated review of the Project, and although the Agency was not included as an involved agency in the review conducted by the Town, the Agency received and reviewed a complete copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form reviewed by the Town and of the environmental review proceedings conducted by the Town (collectively, the “EAF”), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency and has been provided to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the Project and the EAF, together with the Agency’s knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, and such further information as is available to the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the classifications of actions contained in the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proceedings conducted by the Town and the EAF and concurs with the findings of the Town that the Project will not result in a significant environmental impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Project is an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA.

Section 2. Although the Town, as lead agency, conducted an uncoordinated review and did not include the Agency as an involved agency, the Agency has reviewed the environmental review conducted by the Town and concurs with the findings of the Town. Accordingly, the Agency hereby adopts as its own the Town's environmental review and findings, and determines that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Section 3. A Negative Declaration of significant adverse environmental impact shall be prepared, filed, published and distributed in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.12.

Section 4. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	YEA
John Jennings	VOTING	ABSENT
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	YEA
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	YEA
Paul Warneck	VOTING	YEA
William Johnson	VOTING	YEA
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	YEA

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss.:

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on September 10, 2020, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 14th day of September, 2020.



Donald C. Alexander
Chief Executive Officer

PRELIMINARY INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the Rift Camp, Wellesley Island, New York on September 10, 2020 at 9:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT: David Converse, Paul Warneck, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT: John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: Donald Alexander, David Zembiec, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Marshall Weir, Jay Matteson, Joseph Russell, Esq., Abbey Buttacavoli from 7 News and Craig Fox from the Watertown Daily Times

The following resolution was offered by Ms. L'Huillier, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to wit:

Resolution No. 09.10.2020.04

RESOLUTION TAKING PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR GSPP 24658 COUNTY ROUTE 47 NORTH, LLC (THE "COMPANY") AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound

commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency on or about May 6, 2020, a copy of which was presented at this meeting and copies of which are on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in a certain parcel of land located in the Town of Champion, to wit: tax parcel 76.06-1-38.1, Jefferson County, New York (the "Land"), and (2) construction, installation and equipping on the Land of a solar-powered electric generating facility, including all related equipment and improvements, with a total planned alternating current output capacity of 0.875 megawatts (the "Facility") to be operated by the Company (the Land and the Facility collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to undertake the Project in Jefferson County, New York, (B) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York and (C) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Jefferson County, New York by undertaking the Project in Jefferson County, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act,

"SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 10, 2020 (the "SEQR Resolution"), the Agency has determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, any approval of the Project contained herein is contingent upon a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following satisfaction of the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act that relate to the Project; and

WHEREAS, although the resolution authorizing the Project has not yet been drafted for approval by the Agency, a preliminary agreement (the "Preliminary Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Agency has reviewed the Application and based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application and at this meeting and, based thereon, the Agency hereby accepts the Application and makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:

(A) The Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act; and

(B) The completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and

(C) The Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project; and

(D) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project, through the granting of the various tax exemptions described in Section 2(E) of this Resolution, will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and

(E) Upon compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Agency would then be authorized under the Act to undertake the Project in order to promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living.

Section 2. If, following full compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the public hearing requirements set forth in Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance with respect thereto and the Company complies with all conditions set forth in the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire a leasehold interest in the Project Facility from the Company pursuant to a lease agreement to be negotiated between the Agency and the Company (the "Company Lease"); (B) acquire an interest in machinery, equipment and personal property related to the Project Facility pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency (the "Bill of Sale") or otherwise; (C) construct, install and equip the Project Facility on the Land; (D) sublease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to a leaseback agreement (hereinafter the "Agency Lease", and together with the Company Lease and the Bill of Sale, the "Conveyance Documents") between the Agency and the Company whereby the Company will be obligated, among other things, to pay all costs incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and/or the Project Facility, including all costs of operation and maintenance, all taxes and other governmental charges, any required payments in lieu of taxes, the administrative fee of the Agency, and the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to or in connection with the Project and/or the Project Facility, and (E) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes), subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT Payments") with respect to the Project Facility, all as contemplated by the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 3. If the Agency adopts the Future Resolution, the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project as contemplated by Section 2 of this Resolution, shall be subject to: (A) the determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of SEQRA that relate to the Project have been fulfilled; (B) execution and delivery by the Company of the Preliminary Agreement, which sets forth certain conditions for the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and satisfaction by the Company of all the terms and conditions of the Preliminary Agreement applicable to the Company; (C) agreement by the Agency and the Company on mutually acceptable terms for the Conveyance Documents; (D) agreement between the Company and the Agency as to payment by the Company of PILOT Payments with respect to the Project Facility, together with the administrative fee of the Agency with respect to the Project; (E) a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act

have been complied with; and (F) the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy or if any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency must follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(b) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

Section 4. The form, terms and substance of the Preliminary Agreement (in substantially the form presented to this meeting and attached hereto) are in all respects approved, and the First Chairman or Vice Chairman, Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver said Preliminary Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, said Preliminary Agreement to be substantially in the form presented to this meeting, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting.

Section 5. From and after the execution and delivery of the Preliminary Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Preliminary Agreement as executed.

Section 6. Swartz Moses PLLC ("Agency Counsel") is hereby appointed counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Agency Counsel is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 7. The Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, after consultation with Agency Counsel, (A) to establish a time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project Facility and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said public hearing to be held in the city, town or village where the Project Facility will be located, unless alternate arrangements are permitted or required by Executive Order; (B) to cause notice of such public hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units where the Project Facility is to be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act and to be published no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for such public hearing; (C) to cause notice of said public hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for said public hearing; (D) to conduct such public hearing; and (E) to cause a report of said public hearing fairly

summarizing the views presented at said public hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

Section 8. The First Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	YEA
John Jennings	VOTING	ABSENT
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	YEA
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	YEA
Paul Warneck	VOTING	YEA
William Johnson	VOTING	YEA
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	YEA

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

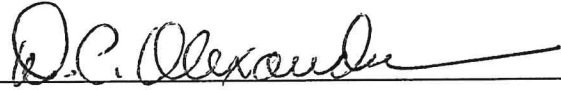
STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss.:

I, the undersigned Secretary of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on September 10, 2020 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 14th day of September, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.C. Alexander", written over a horizontal line.

Donald C. Alexander, Chief Executive Officer

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION

A meeting of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") was convened in public session at the Rift Camp, Wellesley Island, New York on September 10, 2020, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT: David Converse, Paul Warneck, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson, Lisa L'Huillier

ABSENT: John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: Donald Alexander, David Zembiec, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Marshall Weir, Jay Matteson, Joseph Russell, Esq., Abbey Buttacavoli from 7 News and Craig Fox from the Watertown Daily Times

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Aliasso, to wit:

Resolution No. 09.10.2020.05

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR GSPP 24658 COUNTY ROUTE 47 SOUTH, LLC (THE "COMPANY") WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "Enabling Act") and Chapter 369 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 892-e of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Act") to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of commercial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound

commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency on or about May 6, 2020, a copy of which was presented at this meeting and copies of which are on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in a certain parcel of land located in the Town of Champion, to wit: tax parcel 76.06-1-38.1, Jefferson County, New York (the "Land"), and (2) construction, installation and equipping on the Land of a solar-powered electric generating facility, including all related equipment and improvements, with a total planned alternating current output capacity of 0.875 megawatts (the "Facility") to be operated by the Company (the Land and the Facility collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is a local agency pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (the "SEQR Act"), ECL Section 8-0101, *et seq.*, and implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the "Regulations", and together with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, undertaking the Project is an Action as defined by SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Champion Planning Board (the "Town"), acting as lead agency, conducted an uncoordinated review of the Project, and although the Agency was not included as an involved agency in the review conducted by the Town, the Agency received and reviewed a complete copy of the Full Environmental Assessment Form reviewed by the Town and of the environmental review proceedings conducted by the Town (collectively, the "EAF"), a copy of which is on file at the office of the Agency and has been provided to the members of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the Project and the EAF, together with the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project, and such further information as is available to the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the classifications of actions contained in the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proceedings conducted by the Town and the EAF and concurs with the findings of the Town that the Project will not result in a significant environmental impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Project is an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA.

Section 2. Although the Town, as lead agency, conducted an uncoordinated review and did not include the Agency as an involved agency, the Agency has reviewed the environmental review conducted by the Town and concurs with the findings of the Town. Accordingly, the Agency hereby adopts as its own the Town's environmental review and findings, and determines that the Project will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

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Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
John Jennings	VOTING	<u>ABSENT</u>
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Paul Warneck	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
William Johnson	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	<u>YEA</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.


STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss.:

I, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on September 10, 2020, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

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I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 14th day of September, 2020.



Donald C. Alexander
Chief Executive Officer

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ABSENT: John Jennings

FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ALSO PRESENT: Donald Alexander, David Zembiec, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Marshall Weir, Jay Matteson, Joseph Russell, Esq., Abbey Buttacavoli from 7 News and Craig Fox from the Watertown Daily Times

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Warneck, seconded by Mr. Aliasso, to wit:

Resolution No. 09.10.2020.06

RESOLUTION TAKING PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A CERTAIN COMMERCIAL PROJECT FOR GSPP 24658 COUNTY ROUTE 47 SOUTH, LLC (THE "COMPANY") AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH TRANSACTION.

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commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Company submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency on or about May 6, 2020, a copy of which was presented at this meeting and copies of which are on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in a certain parcel of land located in the Town of Champion, to wit: tax parcel 76.06-1-38.1, Jefferson County, New York (the "Land"), and (2) construction, installation and equipping on the Land of a solar-powered electric generating facility, including all related equipment and improvements, with a total planned alternating current output capacity of 0.875 megawatts (the "Facility") to be operated by the Company (the Land and the Facility collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes) (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the sublease of the Project Facility back to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the Application and to representations by the Company that (A) the granting by the Agency of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project will be an inducement to the Company to undertake the Project in Jefferson County, New York, (B) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York and (C) the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to encourage the Company to preserve and advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of Jefferson County, New York by undertaking the Project in Jefferson County, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act,

"SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on September 10, 2020 (the "SEQR Resolution"), the Agency has determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, that an environmental impact statement is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, any approval of the Project contained herein is contingent upon a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following satisfaction of the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act that relate to the Project; and

WHEREAS, although the resolution authorizing the Project has not yet been drafted for approval by the Agency, a preliminary agreement (the "Preliminary Agreement") relative to the proposed undertaking of the Project by the Agency has been presented for approval by the Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Agency has reviewed the Application and based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application and at this meeting and, based thereon, the Agency hereby accepts the Application and makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project:

(A) The Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act; and

(B) The completion of the Project Facility will not result in the removal of a plant or facility of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project Facility from one area of the State of New York to another area of the State of New York or in the abandonment of a plant or facility of any proposed occupant of the Project Facility (other than the Company) located in the State of New York, and the completion of the Project Facility will not result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company located in the State of New York; and

(C) The Project Facility will not constitute a project where facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales of goods or services to customers who personally visit such facilities constitute more than one-third of the total cost of the Project; and

(D) The granting of the Financial Assistance by the Agency with respect to the Project, through the granting of the various tax exemptions described in Section 2(E) of this Resolution, will promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living, and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and

(E) Upon compliance with the provisions of the Act, the Agency would then be authorized under the Act to undertake the Project in order to promote the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the inhabitants of Jefferson County, New York and the State of New York and improve their standard of living.

Section 2. If, following full compliance with the requirements of the Act, including the public hearing requirements set forth in Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency adopts a future resolution (the "Future Resolution") determining to proceed with the Project and to grant the Financial Assistance with respect thereto and the Company complies with all conditions set forth in the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution, then the Agency will (A) acquire a leasehold interest in the Project Facility from the Company pursuant to a lease agreement to be negotiated between the Agency and the Company (the "Company Lease"); (B) acquire an interest in machinery, equipment and personal property related to the Project Facility pursuant to a bill of sale from the Company to the Agency (the "Bill of Sale") or otherwise; (C) construct, install and equip the Project Facility on the Land; (D) sublease the Project Facility to the Company pursuant to a leaseback agreement (hereinafter the "Agency Lease", and together with the Company Lease and the Bill of Sale, the "Conveyance Documents") between the Agency and the Company whereby the Company will be obligated, among other things, to pay all costs incurred by the Agency with respect to the Project and/or the Project Facility, including all costs of operation and maintenance, all taxes and other governmental charges, any required payments in lieu of taxes, the administrative fee of the Agency, and the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Agency with respect to or in connection with the Project and/or the Project Facility, and (E) provide the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, including exemptions from sales and use taxes and real property taxes for the Project Facility (but not including special district taxes), subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes ("PILOT Payments") with respect to the Project Facility, all as contemplated by the Preliminary Agreement and the Future Resolution.

Section 3. If the Agency adopts the Future Resolution, the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project as contemplated by Section 2 of this Resolution, shall be subject to: (A) the determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that all requirements of SEQRA that relate to the Project have been fulfilled; (B) execution and delivery by the Company of the Preliminary Agreement, which sets forth certain conditions for the undertaking and completing of the Project by the Agency, and satisfaction by the Company of all the terms and conditions of the Preliminary Agreement applicable to the Company; (C) agreement by the Agency and the Company on mutually acceptable terms for the Conveyance Documents; (D) agreement between the Company and the Agency as to payment by the Company of PILOT Payments with respect to the Project Facility, together with the administrative fee of the Agency with respect to the Project; (E) a determination by the members of the Agency to proceed with the granting of the Financial Assistance with respect to the Project following a determination by the members of the Agency that the public hearing and notice requirements and other procedural requirements contained in Section 859-a of the Act

have been complied with; and (F) the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy or if any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency must follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(b) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

Section 4. The form, terms and substance of the Preliminary Agreement (in substantially the form presented to this meeting and attached hereto) are in all respects approved, and the First Chairman or Vice Chairman, Executive Director or Deputy Executive Director of the Agency is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver said Preliminary Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Agency, said Preliminary Agreement to be substantially in the form presented to this meeting, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the officer executing same on behalf of the Agency, the execution thereof by such officer to constitute conclusive evidence of such officer's approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form now before this meeting.

Section 5. From and after the execution and delivery of the Preliminary Agreement, the officers, agents and employees of the Agency are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to proceed with the undertakings provided for therein on the part of the Agency and are further authorized to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms and provisions of the Preliminary Agreement as executed.

Section 6. Swartz Moses PLLC ("Agency Counsel") is hereby appointed counsel to the Agency with respect to all matters in connection with the Project. Agency Counsel is hereby authorized, at the expense of the Company, to work with the Company, counsel to the Company and others to prepare for submission to the Agency, all documents necessary to effect the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 7. The Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency, prior to the granting of any Financial Assistance with respect to the Project, after consultation with Agency Counsel, (A) to establish a time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the location and nature of the Project Facility and the proposed Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency with respect to the Project, said public hearing to be held in the city, town or village where the Project Facility will be located, unless alternate arrangements are permitted or required by Executive Order; (B) to cause notice of such public hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice of such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to residents of the governmental units where the Project Facility is to be located, such notice to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act and to be published no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for such public hearing; (C) to cause notice of said public hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located no fewer than ten (10) days prior to the date established for said public hearing; (D) to conduct such public hearing; and (E) to cause a report of said public hearing fairly

summarizing the views presented at said public hearing to be promptly prepared and cause copies of said report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

Section 8. The First Chairman, Vice Chairman and Executive Director of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to the Company and to do such further things or perform such acts as may be necessary or convenient to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

David J. Converse	VOTING	YEA
John Jennings	VOTING	ABSENT
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	VOTING	YEA
W. Edward Walldroff	VOTING	YEA
Paul Warneck	VOTING	YEA
William Johnson	VOTING	YEA
Lisa L'Huillier	VOTING	YEA

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.


STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss.:

I, the undersigned Secretary of Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on September 10, 2020 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respect duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present through said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this 14th day of September, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.C. Alexander", written over a horizontal line.

Donald C. Alexander, Chief Executive Officer