Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency Board Meeting Minutes June 3, 2021

The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency held their board meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2021 in the board room at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, NY and virtually via zoom.

Present: David Converse, Chair, W. Edward Walldroff, William Johnson

Zoom: Paul Warneck, Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., Lisa L'Huillier

Excused: John Jennings

Absent: None

Also Present -

Zoom: Rob Aiken, Justin Miller, Esq., Christine Powers, Kent Burto, Craig Fox from the Watertown

Daily Times, and Emily Griffin from 7/News

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

I. Call to Order: Chairman Converse called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

II. Privilege of the Floor: Mr. Converse invited guests to speak. No one spoke.

- III. Minutes: Minutes of the regular meeting held May 6, 2021 and the special meeting held May 13, 2021 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. All in favor. Carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Aliasso reviewed the financials for the period ending May 31, 2021. Mr. Aliasso mentioned the loan delinquencies. Mr. Eaton said that he has been in contact with them and feels that we are okay right now. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.

V. Committee Reports:

a. Loan Review Committee – Mr. Aliasso said the committee held a joint meeting with the JCLDC Alternative Energy Committee and a separate meeting just for loan review. He reviewed the minutes.

Mr. Matteson left the meeting at 8:29 a.m.

i. Resolution No. 06.03.2021.01 for RBM Manufacturing Corp. – The resolution was amended to reflect the date of May 31, 2021 rather than 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to approve the amended resolution (attached), seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. Carried.

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VI. Unfinished Business:

- 1. 146 Arsenal Street Building/YMCA Project Mr. Zembiec said that we are working on the conveyance from the City of Watertown, and we need to revise the ground lease. He also noted that Attorney Miller will be our general counsel on the matter moving forward.
- 2. **Draft UTEP** Attorney Miller said that there is no real process in the GML right now since it sunset. However, he said that he advised Mr. Zembiec to go through the process with transparency. Mr. Zembiec said that we will still send out the proposed UTEP to all of the affected taxing jurisdictions and hold a public hearing before bringing it to the board for final approval.
- VII. New Business: None.

VIII. Counsel:

- Project Authorizing Resolution No. 06.03.2021.02 for NY 18144 Game Farm, LLC A motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Ms.
 L'Huillier. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea. Carried.
- 2. Project Authorizing Resolution No. 06.03.2021.03 for Brennans Bay Inc. A motion was made by Mr. Warneck to approve the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Aliasso. Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Aliasso Yea, Mr. Converse Yea, Mr. Jennings Absent, Mr. Johnson Yea, Ms. L'Huillier Yea, Mr. Walldroff Yea, Mr. Warneck Yea. Carried.

Executive Session – At 8:40 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Warneck to enter an executive session to discuss a real estate issue, seconded by Ms. L'Huillier. All in favor. Carried. Board Members (including JCLDC Board Members), Staff and Attorney Miller remained.

At 9:15 a.m. a motion was made by Mr. Aliasso to leave executive session, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. Carried.

Other – Mr. Zembiec said that we continue to work with the prospect at the business complex at the airport. He noted that we have not been contacted by Convergent for their solar project in Lyme.

Mr. Warneck asked Mr. Weir to send out the updated solar spreadsheet. Mr. Zembiec said that Mr. Weir has been working with the County to develop a shared list, so we are all working off the same information. Mr. Weir said that he will send out the spreadsheet this afternoon.

IX. Adjournment: With no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aliasso, seconded by Mr. Warneck. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Sampson

JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY Resolution Number 06.03.2021.01

RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING A SUBORDINATION FOR THE REVOLVING LOAN TO RBM MANUFACTURING CORP.

WHEREAS, RBM Manufacturing Corp. desires to increase their existing line of credit with Watertown Savings Bank, and

WHEREAS, Watertown Savings Bank is requesting approval of a subordination agreement, and

WHEREAS, the current balance on the \$400,000 loan is \$400,000 as of May 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends approval of the request, and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2021, the Loan Review Committee of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency reviewed this request and agreed to move it to the full Board of Directors, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency that it herein approves the modification request and that all terms and conditions of the original loan remain in effect, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and/or Chief Executive Officer are authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

David J. Zembiec

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PROJECT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

(NY 18144 Game Farm, LLC Project)

A regular meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 06.03.2021.02

RESOLUTION OF THE **JEFFERSON** COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) APPOINTING NY 18144 GAME FARM, LLC, FOR ITSELF AND/OR ON BEHALF OF AN ENTITY OR ENTITIES TO BE FORMED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "COMPANY") AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW); (ii) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASEBACK AGREEMENT, PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY (AS FURTHER DEFINED HEREIN); AND (iv) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York, (the "Act"), the **JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to issue its revenue bonds, and/or enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, NY 18144 GAME FARM, LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 28 acres of real property located at 18144 Game Farm Road in the Town of Brownville, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 73.00-1-47.1); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 5MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and (iv) entering into a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to

which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the "Straight Lease Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2021, the Agency adopted an initial resolution (the "Initial Project Resolution") which (i) accepted the Company's application, (ii) authorized the scheduling and conduct of a public hearing in compliance with the Act, (iii) described the contemplated forms of financial assistance to be provided by the Agency (the "Financial Assistance", as described herein); (iv) authorized the negotiation of an Agent and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement (the "Agent Agreement"), Lease Agreement (the "Lease Agreement"), Leaseback Agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement") and Payment-in-lieu-of-Tax agreement (the "PILOT Agreement") to be entered into with respect to the Project and (v) adopted findings with respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto at 6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended (collectively referred to as "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Initial Project Resolution, the Agency published and forwarded a Notice of Public Hearing to the Town of Brownville (the "Town"), the County of Jefferson (the "County"), and the General Brown Central School District (the "School", and together with the Town and County, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") at least ten (10) days prior to said Public Hearing are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, the Agency held a public hearing on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Brownville Town Hall, 16431 Star School House Road, Dexter, New York 13634 with respect to the Project (the "Public Hearing") and the proposed Financial Assistance (as further defined herein) being contemplated by the Agency whereat interested parties were provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views, a copy of the minutes of the Public Hearing also being attached hereto within **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Agency desires to authorize (i) the appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency to undertake the Project; (ii) the execution and delivery of the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, the Leaseback Agreement, the PILOT Agreement, and related documents; and (iii) the provision of the Financial Assistance to the Company, which shall include a partial real property tax abatement through the execution of an agreement with the Agency regarding payments in lieu of real property taxes to be made for the benefit of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions.

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

- <u>Section 1</u>. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:
- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and

- (B) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to (i) acquire title to or other interest in the Land, Improvements and the Equipment constituting the Facility, (ii) lease or sell the Agency's interest in the Land, Improvements and Equipment constituting the Facility to the Company pursuant to a lease agreement or sale agreement, and (iii) enter into a Straight Lease Transaction with the Company; and
- (C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to undertake the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in the Town of Brownville, which is located within Jefferson County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and
- (D) The Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's Application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other facility or plant to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries.
- Section 2. Subject to (i) the Company executing the Agent Agreement and Leaseback Agreement, and (ii) the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, renovation, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; provided, however, the Agent Agreement shall expire on June 30, 2022 (unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director of the Agency).
- Section 3. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agent Agreement, Lease Agreement, Leaseback Agreement, PILOT Agreement, PILOT Mortgage, and related documents (the "Straight Lease Documents") with such changes as shall be approved by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and counsel to the Agency upon execution.
- Section 4. Based upon the representation and warranties made by the Company the Application, the Company has not requested, nor has the Agency approved the provision of financial assistance in the form of exemptions from New York State and local sales and use tax

in connection with the construction or equipping of the Project. The Agency may consider any requests by the Company for sales and use tax exemption benefits upon being provided with a supplemental application and appropriate documentation detailing the purchases of property or services, and, to the extent required, the Agency authorizes and conducts any supplemental public hearing(s).

Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the Act, the Agency may recover or Section 5. recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits or other financial assistance taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; (iv) the Company has made a material false statement on its application for financial assistance; (v) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project; and/or (vi) the Company obtains mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements and fails to comply with a material term or condition contained herein and/or within the Straight Lease Documents with the Project (collectively, items (i) through (vi) hereby defined as a "Recapture Event").

As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits (as applicable) and real property tax abatement benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must (i) if a Recapture Event determination is made by the Agency, cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements abatement benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands, if and as so required to be paid over as determined by the Agency.

Section 6. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

Section 7. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	X			
David J. Converse	X			
John Jennings			X	
William W. Johnson	X			
Lisa L'Huillier	X			
W. Edward Walldroff	X			
Paul J. Warneck	X			

The resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss:

I, the undersigned Chairman of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") including the resolution contained therein, held on June 3, 2021, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout 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 modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency this 3 day of 4 ne , 2021.

David J. Converse, Chairman

[SEAL]

EXHIBIT A PUBLIC HEARING MATERIALS



Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

May 11, 2021

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/ RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

To:

The Chief Executive Officers of

Affected Tax Jurisdictions on Schedule A

Re:

Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency

NY 18144 Game Farm, LLC Project

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please note that on May 26, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., local time, at Brownville Town Hall, 16431 Star School House Road, Dexter, NY 13634, the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") will conduct a public hearing regarding the above-referenced project. Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing describing the Project and the financial assistance contemplated by the Agency. The Notice has been submitted to the Watertown Daily Times for publication.

You are welcome to attend such hearing at which time you will have an opportunity to review the project application and present your views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the project. We are providing this notice to you, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 859-(a), as the chief executive officer of an affected tax jurisdiction within which the project is located.

PLEASE NOTE that the Agency has established special hearing logistics and instructions as noted within the enclosed Notice. Given the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and related Executive Orders issued by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and local distancing restrictions at municipal facilities, the Agency will have limited accommodations for in-person public attendance or participation at this hearing for ten (10) or less individuals at the same time. In addition to this limited capacity gathering, and in furtherance of the provisions of Section 859-a of the Act requiring interested parties be provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views with respect to the Project, the Agency will also conduct a concurrent virtual public hearing via live audio broadcast at

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84355250468?pwd=R0t4VjRPdGJBZDJrL2JQYVVjKytDdz09 Meeting ID: 843 5525 0468, Passcode: 011440, Phone 1-929-205-6099 US (New York).

Very truly yours,

JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Schedule A Affected Tax Jurisdiction Officials

Jefferson County, New York

Attn: Scott A. Gray, Chairman County Legislature 195 Arsenal Street Watertown, New York 13601 <u>Jefferson County, New York</u> Attn: Robert F. Hagemann III

County Administrator
195 Arsenal Street
Watertown, New York 13601

General Brown Central School District

Attn: Kelly Milkowich, BOE President 17643 Cemetery Road Dexter, New York 13634 General Brown Central School District

Attn: Barbara Case, Superintendent 17643 Cemetery Road Dexter, New York 13634

Town of Brownville, New York

Attn: Richard D. Lane, Town Supervisor 16431 Star School House Road Dexter, New York 13634 Town of Brownville, New York

Attn: Christine Thurston, Assessor 16431 Star School House Road Dexter, New York 13634

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law (the "Act") will be held by the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 26th day of May, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., local time, at Brownville Town Hall, 16431 Star School House Road, Dexter, NY 13634 in connection with the matter described below. PLEASE NOTE the special hearing logistics and instructions included at the end of this notice.

NY 18144 GAME FARM, LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 28 acres of real property located at 18144 Game Farm Road in the Town of Brownville, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 73.00-1-47.1); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 5MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and (iv) entering into a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the "Straight Lease Transaction").

The Agency is contemplating providing financial assistance to the Company with respect to the Project (collectively, the "Financial Assistance") in the form of a partial real property tax abatement provided through a Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement ("PILOT Agreement").

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCT INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:

In accordance with Section 859-a of the Act, a representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to present a copy of the Company's Project Application (including a cost-benefit analysis), which is also available for viewing on the Agency's website at: <u>JCIDA</u> - <u>Jefferson County</u>, NY Economic Development. However, given the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis and related Executive Orders issued by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and local distancing restrictions at municipal facilities, the Agency will have limited accommodations for in-person public attendance or participation at this hearing for ten (10) or less individuals at the same time. In addition to this limited capacity gathering, and in furtherance of the provisions of Section 859-a of the Act requiring interested parties be provided a reasonable opportunity, both orally and in writing, to present their views with respect to the Project, the Agency will also conduct a concurrent virtual public hearing via live audio broadcast at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84355250468?pwd=R0t4VjRPdGJBZDJrL2JQYVVjKytDdz09

Meeting ID: 843 5525 0468, Passcode: 011440, Phone 1-929-205-6099 US (New York). Any individuals seeking to participate and provide comment will also be provided with a video conference link at <u>JCIDA - Jefferson County</u>, NY Economic Development. Finally, the Agency also encourages all interested parties to submit written comments to the Agency, which will all be included within the public hearing record, which can be submitted to David Zembiec, Chief Executive Officer, Jefferson County IDA, 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, New York 13601 and/or <u>dzembiec@jcida.com</u>.

DATED: May 13, 2021

JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency Public Hearing Minutes May 26, 2021

The Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency held a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at the Brownville Town Hall, 16431 Star School House Road, Dexter, New York, and virtually via Zoom (per guidance from Governor Andrew M. Cuomo during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic) for NY 18144 GAME FARM, LLC for a PILOT transaction.

Project Information:

NY 18144 GAME FARM, LLC, for itself and/or for an entity or entities to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting the Agency's assistance with a certain project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the acquisition by the Agency of a leasehold interest in approximately 28 acres of real property located at 18144 Game Farm Road in the Town of Brownville, New York (the "Land", being more particularly described as a portion of tax parcel No. 73.00-1-47.1); (ii) the planning, design, construction and operation of a 5MWac PV solar electrical generation system, including panel foundations, inverters, transformers, interconnect wiring, utility connections, sitework, landscaping, fencing, security and related improvements (collectively, the "Improvements"); (iii) the acquisition of and installation in and around the Land and Improvements by the Company of machinery, equipment, fixtures and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment"; and, collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the "Facility"); and (iv) entering into a straight lease transaction (within the meaning of subdivision (15) of Section 854 of the Act), pursuant to which the Agency will retain a leasehold interest in the Facility for a period of time and sublease such interest in the Facility back to the Company (the "Straight Lease Transaction").

Staff: David Zembiec, CEO; Marshall Weir, Deputy CEO; Peggy Sampson, Executive Assistant

Present: Denny Lane, Town of Brownville Supervisor; Christine Thurston, Town of Brownville Assessor

Mr. Zembiec opened the hearing at 10:31 a.m. and read the public hearing rules and public hearing notice.

Mr. Zembiec said that the financial assistance being contemplated is a PILOT where the company will pay \$5,500/MW with a 2% annual escalator for 15 years. He said the payment schedule will then be inverted and the parcel will go back on the tax rolls in Year 16 for the company to pay full taxation.

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NY 18144 GAME FARM, LLC

Mr. Zembiec asked for public comment.

There was no public comment.

At 10:35 a.m., Mr. Zembiec closed the hearing.

David Zembiec

Hearing Officer

PROJECT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

(Brennans Bay, Inc. Project)

A regular meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency was convened on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

The following resolution was duly offered and seconded, to wit:

Resolution No. 06.03.2021.03

RESOLUTION OF THE **JEFFERSON** COUNTY **INDUSTRIAL** DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (i) ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF BRENNANS BAY, INC. (THE "COMPANY") WITH RESPECT TO A CERTAIN PROJECT (AS MORE FULLY DEFINED BELOW); (ii) APPOINTING THE COMPANY AS ITS AGENT TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT; (iii) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AGENT AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT; (iv) AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMPANY (AS FURTHER DEFINED HEREIN); PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE AGENCY SHALL NOT EXCEED \$100,000 IN THE AGGREGATE: (v) ADOPTING FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT ("SEQRA"); AND (v) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, by Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, as amended, and Chapter 369 of the Laws of 1971 of the State of New York, (the "Act"), the **JEFFERSON COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** (the "Agency") was created with the authority and power to promote, develop, encourage and assist in acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing industrial, manufacturing, warehousing, commercial, research, and recreational facilities as authorized by the Act, and in connection therewith to issue its revenue bonds, and/or enter into straight lease transactions and provide other forms of financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, BRENNANS BAY, INC. for itself or on behalf of an entity to be formed (collectively, the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") consisting of: (i) the renovation, reconstruction, and operation of certain bulkhead walls, levy walls, gas docks, park roads, marina parking areas and other related water damaged facilities (the "Improvements"), all located on certain real property located at 9320 Renshaw Bay Road, 9260 Green Acres Lane, 9290 Poverty Lane, and Renshaw Bay Road (the "Land"), being more particularly described as tax map identification Nos. 128.05-1-75.1, 128.05-1-75.21, 128.05-1-75.22, and 128.05-1-75.3, respectively) and (ii) the acquisition and installation in and around the Improvements of certain machinery, equipment and other items of tangible personal property (the "Equipment", and collectively with the Improvements, the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 18-A of the Act, the Agency desires to adopt a resolution describing the Project and the financial assistance that the Agency is contemplating with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Agency will (i) negotiate and enter into an Agent, and Financial Assistance and Project Agreement, pursuant to which the Agency will appoint the Company as its agent for purposes of undertaking the Project (the "Agent Agreement") and (ii) provide Financial Assistance to the Company in the form of a sales and use tax exemption for purchases and rentals related to the acquisition, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of the Facility (the "Financial Assistance"); and

WHEREAS, the Financial Assistance provided by the Agency to the Company shall not exceed \$100,000 and, therefore, a public hearing with respect to the Project is not required to be held by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, as codified under Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State (collectively, "SEQRA"), and upon review of the Application, the Agency has identified the Project as a "Type II" Action pursuant to SEQRA for which no formal review is required; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Agency desires to authorize (i) the appointment of the Company as agent of the Agency to undertake the Project; (ii) the execution and delivery of the Agent Agreement and related documents; and (iii) the provision of the Financial Assistance to the Company, which shall include an exemption from all state and local sales and use taxes with respect to the qualifying personal property included in or incorporated into the Facility or used in the construction and equipping of the Facility.

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

- Section 1. Based upon the representations made by the Company to the Agency in the Application, the Agency hereby finds and determines that:
- (A) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and
- (B) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to enter into the Agent Agreement and appoint the Company its agent to undertake the Project; and
- (C) The action to be taken by the Agency will induce the Company to undertake the Project, thereby increasing employment opportunities in the Town of Ellisburg, which is located within Jefferson County, New York, and otherwise furthering the purposes of the Agency as set forth in the Act; and

- (D) The Project will not result in the removal of a facility or plant of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project from one area of the State of New York (the "State") to another area of the State or result in the abandonment of one or more plants or facilities of the Company or any other proposed occupant of the Project located within the State; and the Agency hereby finds that, based on the Company's Application, to the extent occupants are relocating from one plant or facility to another, the Project is reasonably necessary to discourage the Project occupants from removing such other facility or plant to a location outside the State and/or is reasonably necessary to preserve the competitive position of the Project occupants in their respective industries; and
- (E) Based upon the Agency's review of the Application submitted by the Company, along with supporting materials, the Project will include facilities or property that are primarily used in making retail sales, as defined within Section 862(2) of the Act, to customers who personally visit the Facility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, and based upon the Application and supporting materials prepared and presented by the Company to the Agency, the Project constitutes a "tourism destination" inasmuch as the Project and Facility will likely attract a significant number of visitors from outside the economic development region (as established by Section 230 of the Economic Development Law) in which the Project is located; and
- (F) Based upon a review of the Application, the Agency has identified the Project as a "Type II" Action pursuant to SEQRA for which no formal review is necessary.
- Section 2. Subject to (i) the Company executing the Agent Agreement, and (ii) the delivery to the Agency of a binder, certificate or other evidence of liability insurance policy for the Project satisfactory to the Agency, the Agency hereby authorizes the Company to proceed with the acquisition, renovation, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and equipping of the Project and hereby appoints the Company as the true and lawful agent of the Agency: (i) to acquire, construct and equip the Project; (ii) to make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any contracts, orders, receipts, writings and instructions, as the stated agent for the Agency with the authority to delegate such agency, in whole or in part, to agents, subagents, contractors, and subcontractors of such agents and subagents and to such other parties as the Company chooses; and (iii) in general, to do all things which may be requisite or proper for completing the Project, all with the same powers and the same validity that the Agency could do if acting in its own behalf; provided, however, the Agent Agreement shall expire on December 31, 2021 (unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director of the Agency).
- Section 3. Based upon the representation and warranties made by the Company the Application, the Agency hereby authorizes and approves the Company, as its agent, to make purchases of goods and services relating to the Project and that would otherwise be subject to New York State and local sales and use tax in an amount up to approximately \$240,000.00, which result in New York State and local sales and use tax exemption benefits ("sales and use tax exemption benefits") not to exceed \$19,200.00. The Agency agrees to consider any requests by the Company for increase to the amount of sales and use tax exemption benefits authorized by the Agency upon being provided with appropriate documentation detailing the additional

purchases of property or services, and, to the extent required, the Agency authorizes and conducts any supplemental public hearing(s).

Pursuant to Section 875(3) of the Act, the Agency may recover or Section 4. recapture from the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, any sales and use tax exemption benefits taken or purported to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, if it is determined that: (i) the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, is not entitled to the sales and use tax exemption benefits; (ii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are in excess of the amounts authorized to be taken by the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project; (iii) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are for property or services not authorized by the Agency as part of the Project; (iv) the Company has made a material false statement on its application for financial assistance; (v) the sales and use tax exemption benefits are taken in cases where the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project; and/or (vi) the Company obtains mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements and fails to comply with a material term or condition to use property or services in the manner approved by the Agency in connection with the Project (collectively, items (i) through (vi) hereby defined as a "Recapture Event").

As a condition precedent of receiving sales and use tax exemption benefits and real property tax abatement benefits, the Company, its agents, consultants, subcontractors, or any other party authorized to make purchases for the benefit of the Project, must (i) if a Recapture Event determination is made by the Agency, cooperate with the Agency in its efforts to recover or recapture any sales and use tax exemption benefits, mortgage recording tax benefits and/or real property tax abatements abatement benefits, and (ii) promptly pay over any such amounts to the Agency that the Agency demands, if and as so required to be paid over as determined by the Agency.

Section 5. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and/or Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agent Agreement and related documents with such changes as shall be approved by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and counsel to the Agency upon execution.

Section 6. The Chairman (or Vice Chairman), Executive Director (or Deputy Executive Director) of the Agency are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Agent Agreement and related documents with such changes as shall be approved by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Executive Director and counsel to the Agency upon execution.

Section 7. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required and to execute and deliver all such certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the documents executed for and on behalf of the Agency.

<u>Section 8</u>. These Resolutions shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Robert E. Aliasso, Jr.	X			
David J. Converse	X			
John Jennings			X	
William W. Johnson	X			1
Lisa L'Huillier	X			3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
W. Edward Walldroff	X			
Paul J. Warneck	X			

The resolutions were thereupon duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK) COUNTY OF JEFFERSON) ss:

I, the undersigned Chairman of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") including the resolution contained therein, held on June 3, 2021, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Agency had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout 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 modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Agency this $\vec{3}$

day of *Gune*, 2021.

David J. Converse, Chairman

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