

**Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency
Loan Review Committee Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2021**

Present: Robert Aliasso, Chair; John Jennings, David Converse

Absent: None

Also Present: David Zembiec, Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Jay Matteson, Joy Nuffer

Zoom: Justin Miller, Esq.

- I. Call to Order:** Chair Aliasso called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. CWT Farms International, Inc. –** A request for a PILOT transaction with sales tax abatement for a 29,000 square foot building to be located in the Thousand Islands Ag Park, Watertown, NY. Committee Members reviewed the cost benefit analysis and application. The total project cost is estimated at \$9,750,700 with 15 new jobs and 5 added in three years. Mr. Aliasso indicated that the EAF was included in the application package. Mr. Zembiec said that it is in front of the Town of Watertown Planning Board.

Mr. Matteson noted that they are also looking at a facility in Ohio and indicated that the decision will be made at the corporate level. Mr. Matteson said that he put them in touch with Midway Logistics to start discussion on transportation. He noted that their market is in Canada. Mr. Zembiec said that there is a tariff rate quota that has a certain formula where Canada can take more chicks.

Attorney Miller said that we can start the process which includes approving the Initial Project Resolution which accepts the application and allows a public hearing to be scheduled. He said that we can consider an Authorizing Resolution once a negative declaration has been issued.

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Converse to move the request to the full board, seconded by Mr. Jennings. All in favor.

III. Other/Unfinished Business:

- 1. The Gill House, LLC –** Mr. Zembiec said that we found out yesterday through communications with their attorney that the Town of Henderson is requiring them to go through site plan review. He said it may be ready for an Initial Project Resolution at the October board meeting.
- 2. PCB Remediation at 146 Arsenal Street –** Mr. Jennings asked about the status. Mr. Zembiec said that the Purcell contract will be on the special meeting agenda next week and indicated that we are working on lining up the financing.

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- IV. Adjournment:** With no further business before the committee, Mr. Jennings made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Converse. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Sampson