

**Deferiet Redevelopment Corporation  
Appointed Directors Board Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2024**

The Appointed Directors of the Deferiet Redevelopment Corporation held its board meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2024 in the board room at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, NY.

**Present:** John Condino, David Converse, Lisa L’Huillier, Robert Aiken  
Zoom: William Johnson

**Excused:** Joseph Cook

**Absent:** Paul Smith

**Also Present:** Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Robin Stephenson, Rob Aliasso, Paul Warneck, Ed Walldroff  
Zoom: Justin Miller, Esq. (Harris Beach), Sarah Bullock (Town of Wilna), Jacob Jacques (DANC)

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Condino called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
- II. Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 2024 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Ms. L’Huillier, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.
- III. Committee Reports:** None.
- IV. Unfinished Business:**
  - 1. Update on Restore NY Grant** – Mr. Weir said that Mr. Jacques is doing all of the specs on the Restore NY Grant. Mr. Jacques said the project went out to bid two weeks ago with a due date of 12/11/24. He said that they expect the project to begin in March 2025 and be completed by September 2025. He said they held a meeting with an Empire State Development representative, who is bringing the project to their board to consider funding.

Mr. Converse asked who the engineering company is that is putting the remediation plan together. Mr. Jacques that the County has contracted with DANC for the demolition of the site and they are working with Barton and Loguidice for any structural plans that are required. He said that they will put out an RFP for project monitoring. Mr. Converse asked if the project would involve both sides of the river. Mr. Jacques said right now he believes it is the east side of the river, but they added the other side of the river, and they will review what numbers come back for that. Mr. Converse said GHD Consulting is the consultant for International Paper and noted that the east side of the river buttons right up to their landfill. He said that he is not sure if there is some coordination that needs to be done because there is some runoff in that area.

Ms. Bullock said that she is glad to be included and be able to report back to Paul and Joe. She said that she is glad to know that things are moving on the Restore NY Grant because that has been a concern for the mayor.

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Mr. Weir said that he and Mr. Jacques will attend the upcoming Deferiet board meeting on December 18, 2024, to provide them with an update on the project. Mr. Jacques said that he spoke with the contractors at the pre-bid meeting about the post office's concern so that it is on their radar and a priority.

- V. **Adjournment:** With no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. L'Huillier, seconded by Mr. Aiken. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peggy Sampson*