

**Jefferson County Local Development Corporation
Board Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2025**

The Jefferson County Local Development Corporation held its board meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025, in the board room at 800 Starbuck Avenue, Watertown, NY.

Present: Robert E. Aliasso, Jr., W. Edward Walldroff, Paul Warneck, William Johnson, Dr. Gregory A. Gardner, Lisa L'Huillier, Charles Capone, John Condino, David Converse, Rob Aiken

Excused: Dr. Dawn M. Robinson

Absent: None

Also Present: Justin Miller, Esq. (Harris Beach)-Zoom

Staff Present: Marshall Weir, Lyle Eaton, Peggy Sampson, Robin Stephenson

- I. Call to Order:** Chairman Aliasso called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Privilege of the Floor:** No one spoke.
- IV. Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on June 5, 2025 were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Converse, seconded by Mr. Johnson. All in favor. Carried.
- V. Treasurer's Report:** Mr. Warneck reviewed the financials for the period ending June 30, 2025. He said you can see where we stand when checking the year-to-date versus the budget amounts six months into the year. He said we are going to be short on the office rent line. Mr. Eaton said the construction of the office project loan was the offset which we were paying for WICLDC and now we have to pay it to WICLDC in rent. A motion was made by Dr. Gardner to accept the financial report as presented, seconded by Mr. Aiken. All in favor. Carried.
- VI. Committee Reports:** None.
- VII. Council Reports:**
 - a. Ag – No report.**

Mr. Aiken asked if Mr. Matteson would have discussed the dairy plant. Mr. Weir said that he would have discussed the impacts on agriculture in NNY.

Mr. Walldroff said that one thing that offsets that potential project from others is that they aren't seemingly relying heavily on incentives from Empire State Development. Chairman Aliasso said that we don't have a project application in front of us that shows funding sources.

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- b. Manufacturing** – Ms. Stephenson mentioned the upcoming alliance meeting that will be held on July 24th. She said Assemblyman Scott Gray, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, NYS Senator Mark Walczyk and NYSEDC Executive Director Ryan Silva will be attending. She said they are pushing out registration right now and indicated that she will send out the link to board members that would like to attend.
- c. Marketing** – Mr. Weir reported on the following items:
 - **Micron outreach** – Mr. Weir said the fishing trip for the trades union will be held on July 20th in Henderson, NY followed by a shore dinner which is sponsored by RBC Wealth Management. He said it has been well received and noted that there will be 12 charter boats. Mr. Walldroff asked who will pay for the event. Mr. Weir said that we will use our marketing dollars as well as a sponsor. Chairman Aliasso said that he and Mr. Weir will welcome the group in the morning.

Mr. Weir said that he will be meeting with the consultant at JCC next week.
 - **Nuclear event** – Mr. Weir said that he attended the event that was hosted by Assemblyman Scott Gray which was held in Alexandria Bay, NY.
 - **Marketing** – Mr. Weir said we continue to market with our typical campaigns.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

- 1. ARPA Fund Reports (Round One and Two)** – Updated spreadsheets showing the grant fund activities were provided in the board packet. Ms. Stephenson said there has not been a lot of activity because it is summer and businesses are busy. She said that she will be reaching out to grant recipients.

IX. Counsel: None.

X. New Business: None.

XI. Adjournment: With no further business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aiken, seconded by Dr. Gardner. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Sampson