

**Minutes of the  
County of Clinton  
Industrial Development Agency  
May 12, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by Trent Trahan, Chairperson, at 12:00 p.m. at the County of Clinton Industrial Development agency (CCIDA) office located at 137 Margaret Street, Suite 208, Plattsburgh, New York.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trent Trahan, Chairperson  
David Hoover, Vice Chairperson  
Keith Defayette, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer  
Joey Trombley, Member  
Mark Leta, Assistant Secretary  
John VanNatten, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Zurlo, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT: Molly Ryan, Executive Director  
Toni Moffat, Executive Assistant  
Dorothy Brunell, Administrative Assistant  
Christopher Canada, Esq., Agency Counsel (via Teleconference)  
Shannon Wagner, Esq., Agency Counsel (via Teleconference)

T. Trahan stated there was a quorum present.

T. Trahan waived the reading of the notice of the meeting published in the Press Republican on December 13, 2024.

**Presentation:** None

**Reading and Consideration of the Draft Minutes of the April 14, 2025 Meeting.**

T. Trahan asked if there were any questions regarding the draft minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting. There were none.

On a motion by M. Leta, and seconded by D. Hoover, it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025 meeting of the CCIDA.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:**

K. Defayette reviewed the April 2025 Treasurer's Report.

On a motion by J. Trombley, and seconded by J. VanNatten, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by K. Defayette.

## **Old Business**

### **Marketing Proposals**

On a motion by J. Trombley, and seconded by D. Hoover, it was unanimously carried to contract with Golden Shovel to provide the following services: website design and development for a one-time fee of \$24,950, marketing strategy development for a one-time fee of \$15,000, and website hosting, maintenance, technical support, ongoing marketing and content for a recurring annual fee of \$12,000; and, additionally, to contract with Boire Benner Group to provide social media marketing and content creation for a recurring annual fee of \$24,000 and social media post boosting services for an annual fee of \$6,000 - \$12,000.

## **New Business**

### **Invoice from Martindale Keysor & Co., PLLC**

On a motion by J. VanNatten, and seconded by K. Defayette, it was unanimously carried to approve payment of an invoice from Martindale Keysor & Co., PLLC in the amount of \$7,700 for 2024 Audit Services.

### **Valcour Altona NewCo, LLC Project**

The following resolution was offered by M. Leta, seconded by J. Trombley, to wit:

Resolution No. 05-25-01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CLINTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF VALCOUR ALTONA NEWCO, LLC.

WHEREAS, County of Clinton 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 225 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-f 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 manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial 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, Valcour Altona Newco, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in various parcels of land amongst approximately 4,300 acres located in the western portion of the Town of Altona, Clinton County, New York (the "Land") together with approximately

sixty-five (65) existing wind turbine generators located on the Land (the "Existing Facility"), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility, (3) the acquisition and installation on the Land of up to twenty-five (25) wind turbine generators with an aggregate installed capacity of approximately 4.5 to 6.1 MW and a project generating capacity of up to 107.5 MW (collectively, the "Facility"), and (4) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property including collector lines, access roads, and other electrical equipment (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter, collectively, referred to as the "Project Facility") all of the foregoing to be owned and operated by the Company, or an affiliate thereof, as a wind energy facility and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act, prior to the Agency providing any "financial assistance" (as defined in the Act) of more than \$100,000 to any project, the Agency, among other things, must hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to said project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to provide for compliance with the provisions of Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project;

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

Section 1. The Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency, after consultation with the members of the Agency and Agency Counsel, (A) to establish the time, date and place for a public hearing of the Agency to hear all persons interested in the Project (the "Public Hearing"); (B) to cause the Public Hearing to be held in a city, town or village where the Project Facility is or is to be located, and to cause notice of such Public Hearing to be given to the public by publishing a notice or notices of such Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation available to the residents of the governmental units where the Project Facility is or is to be located, such notice or notices to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; (C) to cause notice of the Public Hearing to be given to the chief executive officer of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is or is to be located to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act; (D) to conduct such Public Hearing; (E) to cause a report of the Public Hearing fairly summarizing the views presented at such Public Hearing (the "Report") to be prepared; (F) to cause a copy of the Report to be made available to the members of the Agency; and (G) to cause this resolution to be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested to the chief executive officer of the county and of each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is to be located to comply with the requirements of Section 859-a of the Act.

Section 2. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and/or Executive Director of the Agency is 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 3. All action taken by the Executive Director of the Agency in connection with the Public Hearing with respect to the Project prior to the date of this resolution is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. 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:

Trent Trahan	VOTING	Yes
David Hoover	VOTING	Yes
Michael E. Zurlo	VOTING	Excused
Mark Leta	VOTING	Yes
Keith Defayette	VOTING	Yes
John VanNatten	VOTING	Yes
Joey Trombley	VOTING	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

### **Valcour Ellenburg NewCo, LLC Project**

The following resolution was offered by K. Defayette, seconded by M. Leta, to wit:

#### **Resolution No. 05-25-02**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COUNTY OF CLINTON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF VALCOUR ELLENBURG NEWCO, LLC.**

WHEREAS, County of Clinton 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 225 of the 1971 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895-f 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 manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial 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, Valcour Ellenburg Newco, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the “Company”), submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in various parcels of land amongst approximately 5,400 acres located in the southwestern portion of the Town of Ellenburg, Clinton County, New York (the “Land”) together with approximately fifty-four (54) existing wind turbine generators located on the Land (the “Existing Facility”), (2) the demolition of the Existing Facility, (3) the acquisition and installation on the Land of up to twenty-five (25) wind turbine generators with an aggregate installed capacity of approximately 4.5 to 6.1 MW and a project generating capacity of up to 91 MW (collectively, the “Facility”), and (4) the acquisition and installation therein

and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property including collector lines, access roads, and other electrical equipment (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter, collectively, referred to as the "Project Facility") all of the foregoing to be owned and operated by the Company, or an affiliate thereof, as a wind energy facility and other directly and indirectly related activities; (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

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Joey Trombley	VOTING	Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Clinton County Update**

M. Ryan advised that the Clinton County Legislature will determine whether they would like M. Zurlo to remain on the CCIDA Board after his retirement in October 2025 or if they will appoint someone else to that seat.

M. Ryan stated filming for the ViewPoint project will occur on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Filming locations include Clinton Community College, Rulfs Orchard, Bluff Point Golf Course and Schluter Systems.

**Management Team Reports**

**Executive Director’s Report**

M. Ryan briefly reviewed her Executive Director’s Report.

M. Ryan advised that she has requested Camoin Associates provide a follow-up report outlining next steps to implement some of the suggestions contained in their housing feasibility study. Once received, M. Ryan will share the report with the board.

M. Ryan stated CPL will present the results of their Clinton Community College feasibility study at the June 16, 2025 CCIDA meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, on a motion by J. VanNatten, and seconded by D. Hoover, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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Trent Trahan, Chairperson