# Minutes of the Meeting of the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency May 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by T. Trahan, Chairperson, at 12:07 p.m., at the offices of the County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency, 190 Banker Road, Suite 500, Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Members Present:

Trent Trahan, Chairperson

Keith Defayette, Treasurer and CFO David Hoover, Vice Chairperson

Michael Zurlo, Secretary

Kim Murray, Assistant Secretary John VanNatten, Member

Mark Leta, Member

Excused:

None

Others Present:

Melissa McManus, Executive Director George Cregg, Esq., Agency Counsel Mike Relyea, Vermont Green Line Evan Thomson, Schluter Systems Chris Rosenquest, CC Legislator Simon Conroy, CC Legislator Barbara Shute, Recording Secretary

- T. Trahan declared that a *quorum* was present.
- T. Trahan waived the reading of the notice of the meeting published in the *Press-Republican* on December 26, 2016.

### Vermont Green Line Update

M. Relyea reviewed the status of the project and noted that it is now in the permitting phase which could take up to eighteen months to complete. The project schedule has been delayed by approximately one-year with construction now slated to begin in early 2019.

It was noted that the project developer/owners are National Grid and Citizens Energy Corporation, Anbaric is no longer a partner in the project.

### Approval of the Minutes:

T. Trahan waived the reading of the minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting. He asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the draft minutes and there were none.

On a motion by M. Leta, seconded by J. VanNatten, it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting, as presented.

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report:

K. Defayette reviewed the Treasurer's Report for April 2017. There were no questions or concerns from the board.

On a motion by M. Zurlo, seconded by K. Murray, it was unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented by K. Defayette.

Committee Reports: None

### Old Business:

- 1. Authorize sending a PILOT Deviation Letter to the taxing jurisdictions regarding: Delaware River Solar Project I, Project II and Project III
- M. McManus provided the Agency with an update on the project, including:
  - The taxing jurisdictions were supportive of the project and PILOT deviation proposed by CCIDA. M. McManus held a meeting of the taxing jurisdictions, attended a Northeastern Clinton Central School Board and spoke with the Town of Mooers Supervisor.
  - The Town of Mooers has assumed the role of Lead Agency for SEQR review and a Negative Declaration has been issued.
  - The Agency is now able to move forward with a public hearing for each of the projects, which will be scheduled for late May at the Mooers Town Hall.

Staff requests Agency consideration of resolutions authorizing staff to send a letter to each of the taxing jurisdictions informing them of the proposed PILOT Deviation for each project.

## Delaware River Solar Project I

The following resolution was offered by J. VanNatten, seconded by K. Defayette, to wit:

Resolution No. 05-17-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES INFORMING THEM OF A PROPOSED DEVIATION FROM THE AGENCY'S UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED NY MOOERS I, LLC PROJECT.

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, in March, 2017, NY Mooers I, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested 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 an interest in an approximately 11 acre portion of an approximately 207.7 acre parcel of land located on 297 Boas Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 58.-1-9) in the Hamlet of Mooers Forks in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 2MW AC community solar photovoltaic facility to include an interconnection line (collectively, the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a solar farm 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, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 27, 2017 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 27, 2017 (the "Preliminary SEQR Resolution"), the Agency (A) determined (1) to obtain an environmental assessment form relating to the Project (an "EAF") from the Company, to review the EAF with counsel to the Agency, and prepare proceedings to allow the Agency to comply with the requirements of SEQRA that apply to the Project, and (2) that, although the Project may constitute an "unlisted action", and coordinated review and notification of other involved agencies is strictly optional with respect to the Project, the Agency wished to investigate the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project and (B) authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to contact all other "involved agencies" for the purpose of ascertaining whether such "involved agencies" were interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project and, if so, designating a "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA) and to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Application, the Company made a request to the Agency (the "Pilot Request") that the Agency deviate from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "Policy") by providing for payment in lieu of taxes being based on the generating capacity of the Project Facility expressed in a dollar per MWAC calculations; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 27, 2017 (the "Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of Pilot Request"), the Agency acknowledged receipt of the Pilot Request and authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to meet with the Affected Tax Jurisdictions (as such term is defined in the Policy) to discuss the Pilot Request; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reported that the Pilot Request has been well received by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Policy provides that, for a facility similar to the Project Facility, payments in lieu of taxes will normally be determined as follows: the Company would have the benefit of a 50% abatement in real property taxes on the Facility and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property pursuant to the New York Real Property Tax Law (collectively with the Facility, the "Improvements") in year one of the payment in lieu of tax agreement with a five percent per year increase over the term of the ten year payment in lieu of tax agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act and the Agency's Policy, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the Agency's Policy, the Agency must give the chief executive officers of the County and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is located (collectively, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") no fewer than thirty (30) days prior written notice of the proposed deviation from the Agency's Policy and the reasons therefor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 856(15) of the Act, unless otherwise agreed by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, payments in lieu of taxes must be allocated among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in proportion to the amount of real property tax and other taxes which would have been received by each Affected Tax Jurisdiction had the Project Facility not been tax exempt due to the status of the Agency;

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

Section 1. Having considered both the Application and the Pilot Request, the Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency to send a written notice to the chief executive officers of each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions informing them that the Agency is considering a proposed deviation from its uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the Project and the reasons therefore, in substantially the form of the draft of the Pilot Deviation Letter, and soliciting any comments that such Affected Tax Jurisdictions may have with respect to said proposed deviation.

Section 2. 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	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	YES
Kim Murray	VOTING	YES
Mark Leta	VOTING	ABSTAIN
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Delaware River Solar Project II

The following resolution was offered by D. Hoover, seconded by J. VanNatten, to wit:

Resolution No. 05-17-04

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES INFORMING THEM OF A PROPOSED DEVIATION FROM THE AGENCY'S UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED NY MOOERS II, LLC PROJECT.

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, in March, 2017, NY Mooers II, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested 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 an interest in an approximately 11 acre portion of an approximately 207.7 acre parcel of land located on 297 Boas Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 58.-1-9) in the Hamlet of Mooers Forks in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 2MW AC community solar photovoltaic facility to include an interconnection line (collectively, the "Facility") and

(3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a solar farm 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, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 27, 2017 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 27, 2017 (the "Preliminary SEOR Resolution"), the Agency (A) determined (1) to obtain an environmental assessment form relating to the Project (an "EAF") from the Company, to review the EAF with counsel to the Agency, and prepare proceedings to allow the Agency to comply with the requirements of SEQRA that apply to the Project, and (2) that, although the Project may constitute an "unlisted action", and coordinated review and notification of other involved agencies is strictly optional with respect to the Project, the Agency wished to investigate the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project and (B) authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to contact all other "involved agencies" for the purpose of ascertaining whether such "involved agencies" were interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project and, if so, designating a "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA) and to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Application, the Company made a request to the Agency (the "Pilot Request") that the Agency deviate from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "Policy") by providing for payment in lieu of taxes being based on the generating capacity of the Project Facility expressed in a dollar per MWAC calculations; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 27, 2017 (the "Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of Pilot Request"), the Agency acknowledged receipt of the Pilot Request and authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to meet with the Affected Tax Jurisdictions (as such term is defined in the Policy) to discuss the Pilot Request; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reported that the Pilot Request has been well received by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Policy provides that, for a facility similar to the Project Facility, payments in lieu of taxes will normally be determined as follows: the Company would have the benefit of a 50% abatement in real property taxes on the Facility and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property pursuant to the New York Real Property Tax Law (collectively with the Facility, the "Improvements") in year one of the payment in lieu of tax agreement with a five percent per year increase over the term of the ten year payment in lieu of tax agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act and the Agency's Policy, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the Agency's Policy, the Agency must give the chief executive officers of the County and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is located (collectively, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") no fewer than thirty (30) days prior written notice of the proposed deviation from the Agency's Policy and the reasons therefor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 856(15) of the Act, unless otherwise agreed by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, payments in lieu of taxes must be allocated among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in proportion to the amount of real property tax and other taxes which would have been received by each Affected Tax Jurisdiction had the Project Facility not been tax exempt due to the status of the Agency;

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

Section 1. Having considered both the Application and the Pilot Request, the Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency to send a written notice to the chief executive officers of each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions informing them that the Agency is considering a proposed deviation from its uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the Project and the reasons therefore, in substantially the form of the draft of the Pilot Deviation Letter, and soliciting any comments that such Affected Tax Jurisdictions may have with respect to said proposed deviation.

Section 2. 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	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	YES
Kim Murray	VOTING	YES
Mark Leta	VOTING	ABSTAIN
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

### Delaware River Solar Project III

The following resolution was offered by M. Zurlo, seconded by J. VanNatten, to wit:

Resolution No. 05-17-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES INFORMING THEM OF A PROPOSED DEVIATION FROM THE AGENCY'S UNIFORM TAX EXEMPTION POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED NY MOOERS III, LLC PROJECT.

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, in March, 2017, NY Mooers III, LLC, a New York limited liability company (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested 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 an interest in an approximately 11 acre portion of an approximately 207.7 acre parcel of land located on 297 Boas Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 58.-1-9) in the Hamlet of Mooers Forks in the Town of Mooers, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), (2) the construction on the Land of a 2MW AC community solar photovoltaic facility to include an interconnection line (collectively, the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a solar farm 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, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 27, 2017 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 27, 2017 (the "Preliminary SEQR Resolution"), the Agency (A) determined (1) to obtain an environmental assessment form relating to the Project (an "EAF") from the Company, to review the EAF with counsel to the Agency, and prepare proceedings to allow the Agency to comply with the requirements of SEQRA that apply to the Project, and (2) that, although the Project may constitute an "unlisted action", and coordinated review and notification of other involved agencies is strictly optional with respect to the Project, the Agency wished to investigate the advisability of undertaking a coordinated review with respect to the Project and

(B) authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to contact all other "involved agencies" for the purpose of ascertaining whether such "involved agencies" were interested in undertaking a coordinated review of the Project and, if so, designating a "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA) and to report to the Agency at its next meeting on the status of the foregoing; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Application, the Company made a request to the Agency (the "Pilot Request") that the Agency deviate from the Agency's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy (the "Policy") by providing for payment in lieu of taxes being based on the generating capacity of the Project Facility expressed in a dollar per MWAC calculations; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on March 27, 2017 (the "Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of Pilot Request"), the Agency acknowledged receipt of the Pilot Request and authorized the Executive Director of the Agency to meet with the Affected Tax Jurisdictions (as such term is defined in the Policy) to discuss the Pilot Request; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has reported that the Pilot Request has been well received by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Policy provides that, for a facility similar to the Project Facility, payments in lieu of taxes will normally be determined as follows: the Company would have the benefit of a 50% abatement in real property taxes on the Facility and any portion of the Equipment assessable as real property pursuant to the New York Real Property Tax Law (collectively with the Facility, the "Improvements") in year one of the payment in lieu of tax agreement with a five percent per year increase over the term of the ten year payment in lieu of tax agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 874(4) of the Act and the Agency's Policy, prior to taking final action on such request for a deviation from the Agency's Policy, the Agency must give the chief executive officers of the County and each city, town, village and school district in which the Project Facility is located (collectively, the "Affected Tax Jurisdictions") no fewer than thirty (30) days prior written notice of the proposed deviation from the Agency's Policy and the reasons therefor; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 856(15) of the Act, unless otherwise agreed by the Affected Tax Jurisdictions, payments in lieu of taxes must be allocated among the Affected Tax Jurisdictions in proportion to the amount of real property tax and other taxes which would have been received by each Affected Tax Jurisdiction had the Project Facility not been tax exempt due to the status of the Agency;

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

Section 1. Having considered both the Application and the Pilot Request, the Agency hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Agency to send a written notice to the chief executive officers of each of the Affected Tax Jurisdictions informing them that the Agency is considering a proposed deviation from its uniform tax exemption policy with respect to the Project and the reasons therefore, in substantially the form of the draft of the Pilot Deviation Letter, and soliciting any comments that such Affected Tax Jurisdictions may have with respect to said proposed deviation.

Section 2. 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	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	YES
Kim Murray	VOTING	YES
Mark Leta	VOTING	ABSTAIN
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

### New Business:

1. Schluter Systems Warehouse Expansion Project

E. Thomson from Schluter Systems gave a brief overview of the project, which will consist of an additional 210,800 sq. ft. of warehouse/manufacturing space with a projected completion date of December 2017. Schluter Systems is anticipating hiring an additional 22 employees once the project is complete.

Staff request Agency consideration of resolutions authorizing staff to schedule and hold a public hearing. Staff also request Agency consideration of a resolution accepting the Town of Plattsburgh Planning Board as Lead Agency for the SEQR and acknowledging receipt of the SEQR Negative Declaration for the project.

### **Public Hearing**

The following resolution was offered by D. Hoover, seconded by M. Leta, to wit:

Resolution No. 05-17-01

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 SCHLUTER SYSTEMS L.P.

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, Schluter Systems L.P., a New York limited partnership (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested 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 an interest in a portion of an approximately 37 acre parcel of land located at 194 Pleasant Ridge Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 232.-3-10.1) in the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), together with an approximately 207,175 square foot facility located thereon (the "Existing Facility") (2) the renovation of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately two-story, 210,800 square foot facility to include loading docks and other site improvements (collectively, the "Addition") (the Existing Facility and the Addition being collectively referred to as the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a warehousing 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; and (F) to cause a copy of the Report to be made available to the members of the Agency.

<u>Section 2</u>. 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.

<u>Section 3</u>. 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.

<u>Section 4</u>. 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	YES
Keith Defayette	VOTING	YES
Kim Murray	VOTING	YES
Mark Leta	VOTING	YES
John VanNatten	VOTING	YES

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

### Approval of SEQR

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

Resolution No. 05-17-02

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DETERMINATION BY THE TOWN OF PLATTSBURGH PLANNING BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF THE SCHLUTER SYSTEMS L.P. WAREHOUSE PROJECT AND ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION ISSUED WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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 commercial 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 and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, Schluter Systems L.P., a New York limited partnership (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested 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 an interest in a portion of an approximately 37 acre parcel of land located at 194 Pleasant Ridge Road (being a portion of Tax Map No. 232.-3-10.1) in the Town of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York (the "Land"), together with an approximately 207,175 square foot facility located thereon (the "Existing Facility") (2) the renovation of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately two-story, 210,800 square foot facility to include loading docks and other site improvements (collectively, the "Addition") (the Existing Facility and the Addition being collectively referred to as the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility, and the Equipment hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to constitute a warehousing 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, by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on May 8, 2017 (the "Public Hearing Resolution"), the Agency authorized a public hearing to be held pursuant to Section 859-a of the Act with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA") the Agency has been informed that (A) the Town of Plattsburgh Planning Board (the "Planning Board") was designated to act as the "lead agency" with respect to the Project and (B) on August 10, 2016 the Planning Board determined that that the Project is a "Type I Action" which will not have a "significant effect on the environment" and, therefore, that an "environmental impact statement" is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project and issued a negative declaration with respect thereto (the "Negative Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, at the time that the Planning Board determined itself to be the "lead agency" with respect to the Project, it was not known that the Agency was an "involved agency" with respect to the Project, and, now that the Agency has become an "involved agency" with respect to the Project, the Agency desires to concur in the designation of the Planning Board as "lead agency" with respect to the Project, to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Negative Declaration and to indicate that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Planning Board was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA;

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

- Section 1. (A) The Agency has received copies of, and has reviewed, the Application, an environmental assessment form prepared by the Company and the Negative Declaration (collectively, the "Reviewed Documents") and, based upon said Reviewed Documents and the representations made by the Company to the Agency at this meeting, the Agency hereby ratifies and concurs in the designation of the Planning Board as "lead agency" with respect to the Project (as such quoted term is defined in SEQRA).
  - (B) The Agency hereby determines that the Agency has no information to suggest that the Planning Board was incorrect in determining that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" pursuant to SEQRA (as such quoted phrase is used in SEQRA).

Section 2. 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	<b>YES</b>
David Hoover	VOTING	<b>YES</b>
Michael E. Zurlo	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Keith Defayette	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Kim Murray	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
Mark Leta	VOTING	<u>YES</u>
John VanNatten	VOTING	<u>YES</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

J. VanNatten left the meeting at this time.

### Management Team Reports

• The Development Corporation (TDC)

M. McManus informed the Board that TDC submitted a letter to the Agency regarding three upcoming projects for which TDC plans to seek IDA benefits. The members received a copy of the letter for review.

Public Authorities Accountability Training (PAAA)

M. McManus informed the members that the Agency received a memo from the Authorities Budget Office (ABO) regarding requirements and best practices for member training. All members are required to complete training within one year of their appointment. Best practices suggest members should have a refresher course every three years. Since all Agency members have had their initial training, but not a refresher course, staff made a recommendation that all members complete a refresher course by the end of 2017. It was also suggested that members consider revising the current policy when all CCIDA policies are reviewed at the Annual Meeting. B. Shute will be working with the members to schedule refresher training.

Project Monitoring; No updates

# **Executive Directors Report**

M. McManus stated that she is reviewing internal controls to ensure that processes and procedures have been appropriately updated to reflect the new organizational structure at CCIDA. She plans to have recommendations for the board at the next meeting.

With no further items to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

T. Trahan, Chairperson