
CCPUSA MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cayuga County Public Utility Services Agency (“CCPUSA”) was held on Tuesday November 6, 2018; in the Caucus Room #1, Sixth Floor Conference Room, Cayuga County Office Building, 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY, 13021, at 8:30 a.m. The following individuals were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS: Paul Pinckney, Tim Lattimore, John Montone, Mike Long, Bud Shattuck

EXCUSED: Denny Zach, Cal Sheckler

STAFF: Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant, CC Planning and ED

INVITED GUESTS: Michael Nozzolio, Locate Finger Lakes
Maureen Riester, Cayuga Economic Development Agency
Gary Knapp, Fiscal Development, LLC
J. Justin Woods, County Administrator
Legislator Charlie Ripley

Paul Pinckney opened the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

REQUEST TO PAY VENDOR

Mike Long motioned to pay Duncan, Weinburg Gnezer & Pembroke, P.C, for invoice #30133 in the amount of \$75.00 for phone discussion with County Attorney. 2nd by Bud Shattuck. All members present voted in favor, passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ADM Site – Major Project Initiative (MPI)

John Montone and Gary Knapp gave an overview of the proposed MPI. The CCPUSA members had reached out to Senator Nozzolio to ask for his assessment on how this planned development might be executed and the ability to restating the \$75 M URI project. A pre-application was submitted in April to the NYS Thruway Authority for participation in the digital infrastructure upgrades to the service centers along the NYS Thruway focused on mega charging stations to be developed at Exit 40 Interchange. The partners were informed on October 15th the eligibility to to submit a full application to with a deadline in February 2019.

Mr. Nozzolio expressed he has reviewed the proposed project; however at this time feels the project will need a strong governmental support along with site control for the project. Discussion continued on the development of a Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) project including potential project partners and what CCPUSA’s part would be in the project. Mr. Nozzolio stated further projects details will need to be articulated in order to present a formalized presentation to the State. The committee further discussed methods to achieve demonstrated site control and documented operational partner commitments. The energy and rail properties along with the potential of the proposed sites were discussed.

RESOLUTION: CAYUGA COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES AGENCY SUPPORT FOR A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT AGRICULTURE (CEA) PROJECT IN CAYUGA COUNTY.

MOTION BY: Michael Long, **SECONDED BY:** Paul Pinckney

WHEREAS, CCPUSA is a public power utility agency seeking to deliver low cost public power in support of

economic development and job creation through public private partnerships (P3) in Cayuga County; and **WHEREAS**, the CNYREDC application for the 2015 New York State Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI) funding included a general funding category targeting New York Grown / New York Certified-Safe and Market-Ready Projects, and specifically included “CEA Cayuga” grant funding in the amount of \$7,500,000 to incent development of a proposed \$75,000,000 Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) project with a projected new employees hire of 80 FTE and a five-year payroll of \$9,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed \$75MM CEA Cayuga project did not proceed and therefore the original CNYREDC URI grant allocation of \$7.5MM is vulnerable to being reallocated to other and alternative projects located within the 5-County CNYREDC area; and

WHEREAS, the CCPUSA Board supports this effort to advance Distributed Energy Resources aligned with the development of a Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) facility within Cayuga County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the CCPUSA Board, as follows:

1. The CCPUSA Chairman is hereby authorized to execute a letter of support for an application and/or petition to be submitted to CNYREDC and NYS ESDC requesting the restatement and/or reallocation of the \$7.5MM in URI Grant Funds for CEA Projects in Cayuga County;
2. CCPUSA Board hereby agrees to assist Project Sponsors as they prepare and submit supporting documentation deemed necessary to apply and/or petition for an allocation of \$7.5MM URI grant funding;
3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

All members present voted in favor, passed.

A resolution will also be presented to the Planning and Economic Development Committee on November 7th. to establish further County support of the project.

Unfinished Business:

- Bud Shattuck presented an update on the Union Springs Solar project.

- Clean Energy Community Grant update

A Request for Proposals has been forwarded onto the State for their approval to submit to the appropriate vendors for the development of a Strategic Plan and Utility Ratemaking and Rule Making Proposal. Bids have been received for the electric vehicles and waiting on further information for the proposed charging stations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Long motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m., 2nd by John Montone. All members present voted in favor, passed.

- **The CCPUSA Chairman will call the next workshop to meet.**
- **The next regularly scheduled CCPUSA meeting will be the held on December 11, 2018, at the Cayuga County Office Building, 6th Floor Caucus Room #1, at 9 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant
Cayuga County Department of Planning and Economic Development

John Montone motioned to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2018, 2nd by Bud Shattuck, All members present voted in favor, passed. January 8, 2019.