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## CCPUSA MEETING MINUTES

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**A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cayuga County Public Utility Services Agency (“CCPUSA”) was held on Tuesday February 13, 2018; in the Caucus Room #1, Sixth Floor Conference Room, Cayuga County Office Building, 160 Genesee Street, Auburn, NY, 13021, at 9:00 a.m. The following individuals were in attendance:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Paul Pinckney, Chair, John Montone, Cal Sheckler, Denny Zach, Mike Long,  
Tim Lattimore

**EXCUSED:** Bud Shattuck

**STAFF:** Stephen Lynch, Director, CC Planning and ED

**OTHERS** J. Justin Woods, County Administrator

Gary Knapp, Fiscal Development

Maureen Riester, Cayuga Economic Development Agency

Paul Pinckney, Chair, opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

### MINUTES:

John Montone motioned to approve the January 9, 2018 minutes with an amendment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cal Sheckler. All members present voted in favor of minutes as amended, passed.

### MARCH WORKSHOP:

Chair Pinckney set March 27<sup>th</sup> for CCPUSA workshop at 1 p.m.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

Justin Woods asked for an update/overview on the New York CCA program. John Montone explained that Good Energy, as the selected developer, will design a program for the municipality which allows all customers within the county to opt in. Good Energy provides the administrative tasks; yet the program does not change the delivery charges with NYSEG. Justin suggested to review the differences between what MEGA offers and the Good Energy program to determine which program would be a good fit for CCPUSA. The board had a brief discussion on the opportunities to access NYSERDA funding to pursue such CCA. Options discussed to further pursue CCA program: MEGA, partner with Sustainable Tompkins, Good Energy Alliance and internal capacity for CCPUSA board to accomplish on their own. Community and municipal outreach and education will need to be completed prior to submitting the petition to the Public Service Commission. Mike Long stated Renovus will be doing a presentation on Community Solar at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Gary Knapp stated CCPUSA’s CCA proposal would include a large scale renewable along with potential payments to CCPUSA from Reliability Support Service Agreement (RSSA) compensation. Knapp

explained the RSSA mechanism payments in order to help sustain the grid. Knapp explained the RSSA mechanism had legal challenges and led to CCPUSA pausing the CCA petition process.

Discussion continued on the pros and cons of partnering with an outside type group such as MEGA; and/or continue with CCPUSA as a public utility. Woods suggests to go forward with a CCA partner while CCPUSA establishes the power generation capacity to then provide energy to customers.

The board reviewed the status of the Abundant agreements with Union Springs and the County House Road projects. Knapp reviewed a past CCPUSA resolution for OnForce solar to apply for a grant on the development of a solar project on County House Road. Knapp suggests to focus on the completion of the three projects in 2018: Union Springs, County House Road and the City landfill project. Ownership, environmental and capacity issues were debated. Knapp stated P3 partnerships can be structured for purpose of reselling green energy at a favorable cost. Lattimore stated by providing low cost energy solutions, CCPUSA will be able provide an economic development advantage for the businesses in the County. Woods stated CCPUSA should move forward from thought leadership and concentrating County resources into completing manageable projects.

- NYSERDA Clean Energy Community Grant

The board reviewed the details of the requirements included in the grant agreement. The contract with NYSERDA is being processed.

- NYS Thruway Exit 40 Major Project Initiative

Knapp updated a shared services project at Exit 40 for a TESLA test bed electric storage solution.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

John Montone motioned to go into an executive session to discuss a potential sale of real property at 10:23am; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Lattimore. All in favor, passed.

John Montone motioned to come out of executive session at 10:35 am; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Lattimore. All in favor, passed.

Gary Knapp addressed the board with an overview of the current and proposed CCPUSA projects.

- PON updates – Knapp stated PON 3541 has an open submittal date and will be putting together with 3585 due on April 26<sup>th</sup>. PON 3578 will be due on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Board discussed concerns conveyed by board member, Shattuck (excused) at last workshop. Chair Pinckney expressed if any questions or objections arise on projects will need to present to the board for discussion and clarification.

- AGILE facility - Request the proposal be submitted the City of Auburn to be included in the upcoming Downtown URI initiative.

Reopened discussion on Thruway Exit 40 project. Board will need to continue talks with NYS whether this project is still viable.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Tim Lattimore motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Long. All members present voted in favor, passed.

- **The next regularly scheduled CCPUSA meeting will be held on March 13, 2018 at the Cayuga County Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Caucus Room #1, at 9 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant  
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**John Montone motioned to approve the meeting minutes of February 13, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Lattimore, All members present voted in favor, passed. May 8, 2018.**