

CCPUSA MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cayuga County Public Utility Services Agency (“CCPUSA”) was held on Tuesday March 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: John Montone, Cal Sheckler, Denny Zach, Mike Long, Tim Lattimore, Bud Shattuck

EXCUSED: Paul Pinckney

STAFF: Stephen Lynch, Executive Director, CC Planning and Ed
Suzanne Gauthier, Administrative Assistant, CC Planning and ED

OTHERS Gary Knapp, Fiscal Development LLC
Maureen Riester, Cayuga Economic Development Agency

John Montone opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES:

Minutes for the February 9th workshop were distributed and will be approved at next meeting.

MARCH WORKSHOP:

Chair Pinckney had set March 27th for CCPUSA workshop at 1 p.m. at 5th Floor Conference Room

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

John Montone gave an update on NYSERDA PON submittals. The board is waiting on a determination from the Public Service Commission (PSC) on the Value of Distributed Energy Resources rate design as the outcome relates to future energy distribution and storage projects. PON 3578 relates to the Telsa large scale electric vehicle charging station. The board is preparing to present a CCPUSA project as a test bed for the NYS Thruway at Exit 40.

- CCPUSA Budget – Suzanne presented a listing of the revenue and expense items from CCPUSA’s earmarked funds. An overview of the allocated funds for specific PON’s and projects was reviewed by the board.
- Annual Report - Tim Lattimore motioned the board to authorize the CCPUSA Chairman to submit an annual report to the Chairman of the County Legislature. The annual report, drafted by John Montone and Gary Knapp, the report is to include the overview of the CCPUSA funds and allocation report and to be reviewed and approved at the March 27th workshop, 2nd by Denny Zach. All members present voted in favor, passed.
- New Visions Broadband Project- Smart Home Project Pilot Project
Route 34 Smart Energy Corridor/ Smart Energy Infrastructure/ Smart Home Initiative.
Knapp distributed maps of the NY Broadband project along with literature to support a framework for a CCPUSA’s Public, Private partnership agreement with New Visions. The pilot project would establish rates and charges for services and products provided along the digital infrastructure from the broadband project.

○ PONs Updates:

Knapp further reviewed recent Senate and NYS leadership activities designed to move the energy projects forward. Knapp continued to clarify the intent to request a pilot execution/demonstration project at Exit 40 for test beds as a shared services project. The project sponsors are ready to submit a combined application for concept papers for PONs 3451 and 3585. PON 3578 will be submitted for the due date in August 2018.

○ CCPUSA proposed committees:

Board discussed setting up a committee with the board's approval and permission to move forward with the projects. This committee would come back to the board with timelines and work in progress. Mike suggested to scale back to three or four committees instead of six.

Knapp further described CCPUSA's vision on proposed projects. Board discussed the plate aluminum business, Massena Electric, the St Lawrence IDA as efforts to acquire a portion of low cost energy for business and to develop to a workforce training facility in a north county facility. Continued discussion on other possible projects throughout the County: energy related, transportation related, reimagine the canal projects, smart electric fleet truck development, broadband project, Agile, controlled greenhouse agriculture project, etc. The board recognizes the need to have sufficient funds needed to move forward with projects. Lattimore reiterated would like Cayuga Community College to align with SUNY ESF with energy related training opportunities.

Mike Long suggested the board to compile a project list with bulleted items of the timelines, work accomplished to date, work to be done, PON's , funds expended, etc. From that list to create a work plan and business plan for CCPUSA and bring said plan to the legislature for possible funding.

○ Clean Energy Communities Grant Update – Steve reviewed with the board that NYSERDA has been working with staff on finalizing elements within the contract. Brief discussion on the CCPUSA related items in designing the rules and rate making compliant with REV and CCPUSA organizational structure.

○ Community Solar – Bud Shattuck stated has been in contact with Central New York Regional Planning regarding the Union Springs site and will be having a meeting in April to look at proposed contracts. The Village has provided Abundant with the additional information requested. On the County project, looking to meet with Abundant to move the project forward with CCPUSA's assistance.

○ New Visions continued - Knapp requests to put the two documents presented regarding the New Vision project be placed on April's CCPUSA agenda. A conference call with NY Green Bank and New Visions was held to facilitate a possible financing solution to assist New Visions with a build out of a fiber expansion of the broadband project. CCPUSA is looking to upgrade CCPUSA/New Visions MOU to a definitive agreement.

Cal Sheckler motioned to discuss the two framework documents at the April meeting for the purpose of establishing rates and rules for smart home product sales as provided in MOU with New Visions, 2nd by Tim Lattimore. All members present voted in favor, passed.

Mike Long stated Tompkins County is currently implementing a Smart Meter project in the Town of Lansing. Mike also offered some edits/corrections to the Smart Meter/Smart Home document.

ADJOURNMENT:

John Montone motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11.23 a.m., 2nd by Cal Sheckler. All members present voted in favor, passed.

- **The next regularly scheduled CCPUSA meeting will be the held on April 10, 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 March 13, 2018, 2nd by Tim Lattimore, All members present voted in favor, passed. May 8, 2018.