

MINUTES

March 20, 2019

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Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors Meeting held at the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 420 E. German St. Herkimer, NY 13350.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman V. Jim Bono called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.

The following members answered the roll call: Vincent (Jim) Bono, Cory Albrecht, John Scarano, Catherine (Cate) Ricci, Daniel Reardon, and Michael Werenczak. Quorum present.

Members Absent: David Chlus

Staff Present: John Piseck, Stacey Holleran

<u>Also Present:</u> Anthony Hallak, Bob Hollum, Victoria Adams, Bill Maxim, James Wallace, Bernard Peplinski, John P. Stephens, John Howard

<u>Audit/Finance/Governance Committee:</u> Being a committee of the whole, Mr. Bono opened the Committee meeting at 8:04 AM. Mr. John Howard of Barone, Howard & Co., CPAs, PC, provided the 2018 Audited Financial Statements. Mr. Howard reviewed the statements and management letters with the board. Being no questions or comments, Mr. Howard was excused.

Dan Reardon moved, seconded by Cate Ricci to approve the 2018 Annual Financial Statements as presented. Motion carried.

All reports and policies listed on Attachment A were provided to all board members for review prior to the meeting. Michael Werenczak moved, seconded by Cate Ricci, to approve all items listed on Attachment A to be included in the yearly PARIS report required by the Authorities Budget Office. Motion carried.

Cate Ricci moved, seconded by Michael Werenczak to adjourn the committee meeting and continue with regular meeting at 8:18 AM. Motion carried.

<u>Minutes:</u> The minutes of the January 22, 2019 Public Hearing (Higby Gold, LLC); February 26, 2019 Board and Committee meeting; and February 26, 2019 Public Hearing (Off-site Photovoltaic Solar Policy) were offered for review. **John Scarano moved, seconded by Mike Werenczak, to approve all minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

420 E. German Street, Box 1 Suite 101A, Herkimer, NY 13350 315-866-3000

<u>Financial Reports:</u> The following financial reports were offered for review and approval: February Operating Account, Account Balances, and RLF Status. Cory Albrecht moved, seconded by John Scarano, to approve all financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant – Mr. Piseck reported that four proposals were received for the Environmental Engineering Services to Perform Brownfield Assessments. After evaluation, Mr. Piseck recommends that the award go to HRP Associates, Inc. Cate Ricci moved, seconded by Michael Werenczak to approve the award to HRP Associates, Inc. not to exceed \$194,060 for environmental engineering services as outlined in HRP Associates, Inc. dated February 22, 2019. Motion carried.

Mr. Piseck is forming an advisory committee to assist in the process of identifying sites. A meeting will be scheduled soon.

<u>Higby Gold, LLC -</u> The proposed Authorizing Resolution was presented prior to the meeting. After further review and discussion, **Dan Reardon offered the following motion:**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AGENCY TO EXECUTE ALL RELEVANT CLOSING DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF FRANKFORT, COUNTY OF HERKIMER AND STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED AND LOCATED THEREAT (the "Facility") THROUGH LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASING SAID FACILITY BACK TO THE COMPANY THROUGH SALES AND MORTGAGE TAX EXEMPTIONS; TO **ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL** ISSUES AND **PROVIDE** TO INDEMNIFICATION OF THE AGENCY ON SUCH ISSUES RELATING TO THE THROUGH THE **EXECUTION** OF AN **ENVIRONMENTAL** COMPLIANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANY (the "ECIA"); TO ENTER INTO A RECAPTURE AGREEMENT; TO ENTER INTO A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT: AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

Seconded by Cate Ricci, the motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nayes . The official resolution is attached to the original minutes.

<u>Executive Session</u> – John Scarano moved, seconded by Cory Albrecht, to enter into executive session at 8:26 AM to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried. Board members Bono, Albrecht, Ricci, Scarano, and Werenczak were invited to stay along with Anthony Hallak, Bernard Peplinski, Bob Hollum, John P. Stephens, John Piseck, and Stacey Holleran.

Mike Werenczak moved, seconded by Cate Ricci, to end Executive Session at 8:35 AM. Motion carried.

Mr. Reardon, Mr. Wallace, and Bill Maxim returned.

<u>Nexamp (Little Falls Solar I, LLC)</u> – An application was provided to the board for review and consideration for a solar project in the City of Little Falls.

The following resolution was offered by Michael Werenczak and seconded by John Scarano with members voting:

AYE

NAY

ABSTAIN

Albrecht, Bono, Ricci,

None

Reardon

Scarano, Werenczak

RESOLUTION OF THE HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (the "AGENCY") TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION TOWARD APPOINTING LITTLE FALLS SOLAR 1, LLC (the "COMPANY), AND THE PRINCIPALS OF THE COMPANY, AS AGENT OF THE AGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH A SUBLEASE-LEASEBACK TRANSACTION, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

NOTE – AFTER THIS MEETING, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT A CORRECTED, AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION WILL BE OFFERED AT THE NEXT MEETING REPLACING THIS ONE.

<u>Frankfort 5S South BP - Country Mile</u> – Mr. Piseck reported that the March 14th ribbon-cutting ceremony at Tractor Supply Company was well attended. Messrs. Piseck, Bono and Peplinski had the opportunity to meet with executive staff of the Company and were told that this was the best transition they have had.

\$750,000 CDGB grant has been approved for Tractor Supply Company and another \$250,000 from Assemblyman Brindisi for power upgrades.

Mr. Piseck would like to meet with Tractor Supply to discuss signs at the entrance of the park.

Cory Albrecht reported he met with thirty area school counselors. They are planning a day in May to take educators by bus around to advanced manufacturing facilities and would like to possibly include Tractor Supply in the tour.

Manheim Business Park — Mr. Piseck discussed the need to have a sewer study performed. John Scarano moved, seconded by Cate Ricci, to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with GHD Consulting to perform a sewer study not to exceed \$5,000.00. The CDBG funds allocated in May 2018 for development at Manheim Business Park will be used. Motion carried.

<u>Schuyler Business Expansion</u> – The survey and Phase I will be completed very soon.

There will be a meeting with the Village of Ilion April 1 regarding the expansion of water line through the Town of Schuyler which would expand the water district.

Being no other business, Michael Werenczak moved, seconded by Dan Reardon to adjourn at 9:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Haleen

Stacey J. Holleran

Office Manager

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency, Herkimer County, New York (the "Agency"), held at 420 E. German Street, Herkimer, New York on the 20th day of March, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., the following members of the Agency were:

Present:

Vincent J. Bono, Cory Albrecht, John Scarano, Dan Reardon, Michael

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Werenczak, Catherine Ricci

Absent:

David Chlus

Also Present: John Piseck, Stacey Holleran and Anthony Hallak

After the meeting had been duly called to order, the Chairman announced that the purpose of the meeting was to consider and take action on certain matters pertaining to Higby Gold, Inc. (the "Company").

The following resolution was duly moved, seconded, discussed and adopted with the following members voting:

AYE NAY ABSTAINED

*ALL *NONE *NONE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AGENCY TO EXECUTE ALL RELEVANT CLOSING DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF FRANKFORT, COUNTY OF HERKIMER AND STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED AND LOCATED THEREAT (the "Facility") THROUGH LEASE AGREEMENT, LEASING SAID FACILITY BACK TO THE COMPANY THROUGH SALES AND MORTGAGE TAX EXEMPTIONS; TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND TO PROVIDE FOR INDEMNIFICATION OF THE AGENCY ON SUCH ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROJECT THROUGH THE EXECUTION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANY (the "ECIA"); TO ENTER INTO A RECAPTURE AGREEMENT; TO ENTER INTO A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT: AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, Higby Gold, Inc., on behalf of itself and/or the principals of Higby Gold, Inc. (the "Company") has applied to the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") to enter into a transaction relating to the acquisition, construction and equipping of a complete truck stop/retail convenience outlet providing diesel fuel, gasoline, driver amenities, convenience store, restaurant, truck wash, reserved parking, CAT scale operation and office space on a parcel of land located at County Mile, Frankfort, New York, Herkimer County (the "Land"), and the acquisition and installation of equipment in the Improvements, all to be used by the Company in connection with providing a truck stop and retail convenience facility providing diesel fuel, gasoline, driver amenities, a truck wash and CAT scales in support of Higby Gold, Inc. (the Land, Improvements and Equipment) are referred to collectively as the "Facility" and the construction and equipping of the Improvements is referred to as (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Company will lease the Facility to the Agency, pursuant to Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York, and Chapter 372 of the Laws on 1970 of the State of New York, as may be amended from time to time (collectively the "Act") and the Agency will lease the Facility back to the Company pursuant to a Leaseback Agreement (the "Leaseback Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Company will construct and equip the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Company will construct a manufacturing facility under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes and empowers the Agency to promote, develop, encourage and assist projects such as the Facility and to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized under its Uniform Tax Exemption Policy to provide for financial assistance to the Project; and

WHEREAS, representations made by the Company in its Application for Financial Assistance support the finding that the Project will promote employment opportunities and prevent economic deterioration in the area served by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, prior to the closing of a lease-leaseback transaction, and the granting of any tax benefits, a public hearing (the "Hearing") was held so that all persons with views in favor of or opposed to either the financial assistance contemplated by the Agency, or the location or nature of the Facility, can be heard; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Hearing was given prior to the closing of a lease-leaseback transaction, and the granting of any tax benefits, and such notice (together with proof of publication) was in the form annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the minutes of the Hearing are or will be annexed hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the operation of a retail facility and the economic conditions of the area in which the Project is situated; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has given due consideration to the application of the Company and to representations by the Company that the proposed lease-leaseback transaction is either and inducement to the Company to maintain and expand the Facility in the County or is necessary to maintain the competitive position of the Company in its industry; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively, the "SEQR Act" or "SEQRA"), the Agency constitutes a "State Agency"; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Facility may have a significant effect upon the environment, the Company has prepared and submitted to the Agency an Environmental Assessment Form and related documents (the "Questionnaire") with respect to the Facility, a copy of which is on file as the office of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, prior to the granting of any tax benefits, the Agency will complete its environmental review and make determinations for purposes of SEQRA.

<u>Section 1</u>. The Agency hereby finds and determines:

- (a) By virtue of the Act, the Agency has been vested with all powers necessary and convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes of the Act and to exercise all powers granted to it under the Act; and
- (b) The Facility constitutes a "project," such as that term is defined in the Act; and
- (c) The acquisition, construction, equipping and financing of the Facility, and the leasing of the Facility to the Company will promote and maintain the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the citizens of Herkimer County and the State of New York and improve their standard of living and thereby serve the public purposes of the Act; and
- (d) The facility is an eligible Project to the extent that the Agency has received and reviewed census and economic data pertaining to the community in which the Project is located, which data includes income and employment information demonstrating the Town of Frankfort is an economically distressed community; and

- (e) The acquisition, construction and equipping of the Facility is reasonably necessary to induce the Company to maintain and expand its business operations in the State of New York; and
- (f) Based upon representations of the Company, the Facility conforms with the local zoning laws and planning regulations of Herkimer County and all regional and local use plans for the area in which the Facility is located; and
- (g) It is desirable and in the public interest for the Agency to acquire a leasehold interest in the Facility and lease the Facility back to the Company; and
- (h) The Amended and Restated Lease is an effective instrument whereby the Company conveys a leasehold interest to the Agency; and
- (i) The Amended and Restated Leaseback Agreement is an effective instrument whereby the Company leases the Facility from the Agency; and
- Section 2. In consequence of the foregoing, the Agency hereby determines to acquire a leasehold interest in the Facility from the Company and to lease the Facility back to the Company and to execute and deliver the Amended and Restated Lease Agreement, the Amended and Restated Leaseback Agreement and memoranda thereof, the Environmental Compliance and Indemnification Agreement, the PILOT Agreement, the Mortgage, the Recapture Agreement and all related documents (collectively the Closing Documents).
- Section 3. The form and substance of the Closing Documents (each in substantially the forms presented to the Agency and which, prior to the execution and delivery thereof, may be redated) are hereby approved.

Section 4.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or any member of the Agency and the Executive Director, John J. Piseck, are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to execute and deliver the Closing Documents, all in substantially the forms thereof presented to this meeting with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Executive Director or any member of the Agency shall approve, and such other related documents as may be, in the judgment of the Chairman and Agency Counsel, necessary or appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by this resolution. The execution thereof by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director or any member of the Agency shall constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

(b) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary or member of the Agency and the Executive Director, John J. Piseck, are further hereby authorized, on behalf of the Agency, to designate any additional Authorized Representatives of the Agency (as defined in and pursuant to the Lease Agreement).

Section 5. The officers, employees and agents of the Agency are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the Agency to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Closing Documents, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the Agency with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Closing Documents binding upon the Agency.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF HERKIMER)

I, Stacey Holleran, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed extract of the minutes of the meeting of the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), including the resolutions contained therein, held on the 20th day of March, 2019 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Agency and of such resolutions set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

That the Closing Documents contained in this transcript of proceedings are each in substantially the substance presented to the Agency and/or approved by said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (i) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting, (ii) pursuant to Sections 103a and 104 of the Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law), said meeting was open to the general public and public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Sections, (iii) the meeting in all respects was duly held, and (iv) there was a quorum present throughout.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as of this 20 day of March, 2019.

HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

StaceyHolleran

Stacey Holleran, Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF NEW YORK)
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County of Oneida)

Patricia Zehr of the City of Utica, in said county, being duly sworn, says she is the Principal Clerk of the Utica Observer-Dispatch the Publishers of The Times-Telegram, a daily newspaper printed and published in the city of Utica, County and State aforesaid, and that an advertisement of which the attached is a copy, cut from the columns of said paper has been regularly published in said paper on each of the following dates:

Sworn to before me this

NOTARY PUBLIC ONEIDA CO., N.Y.

THERESA B MCFADDEN
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01MC6303520
Qualified in Madison County
Commission Expires May 12. 2022

NOTICE IS HEREB GIVEN that a public hea Ing pursuant to Article 18of the New York Sta General Municipal Law, w be held by the Herkim County Industrial De elopment Agency (th "Agency") on the 22nd da of January 2019, at 9:(AM, local time at the Tov Hall, Village of Frankfo 201 Third Avenu 201 Herkimer County, Ne York, in connection wi the following matter:

HIGBY GOLD, INC. (t) "Company") has requeste that the Agency consid undertaking a project f as follows: (i) to provi assistance through sale tax and mortgage to incentives for the co structing, equipping, as financing of the belc described project Facil and real property tax rel in the form of a Payment Lieu of Tax Agreement (t "Assistance"), (ii) acquire, construct, equ and linance the Facility to cause the Facility to constructed, regulppe and financed; and (iii) lease (with an obligation purchase) or sell t Facility to the Company such other person as m be designated by t Company and agreed up by the Agency, if any p tion of the Assistan being offered by t Agency is inconsistent w the Agency's uniform 1 exemption policy, 1 Agency will follow the p cedures for deviation in such policy in accordar with the provisions of GML.

The Facility will consist the acquisition, constn tion, and equipping of complete truck stop/re convenience outlet prov ing diesel fuel, gasoll driver amenities, conv ience store, restaura truck wash, reserved pa ing, and CAT Scales, or atlon and office spi located on the east side Country Mile In the Town Frankfort. County, State of New Y known as Lot 19 and. 20. The Project has an e mated cost of Three Mil Three Hundred Sixty E Thousand and Dollars (\$3,368,000.00) "Project Costs)". Facility will be owned operated by the Compa

A representative of Agency will be at above-stated time place to review the pro application, and hear c ments and accept wri statements from any LEGAL NOTICES DEPARTMENT
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NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREDY
GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A
Get the New York State
Control of the State
Use held by the Horkimer
County Industrial Development Agency (the
"Agency") on the 22nd day
of January 2019, at 5:00
AM, local time at the Town
Hall, Village of Frankfort,
201 Third Avenue,
Horkimer County, New
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the following matter:

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HIGBY GOLD, INC, (the "Company") has requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project for the benefit of the Company as follows: (i) to provide assistance through salex incentives for the constructing, equipping, and financing of the below described project Facility and real property tax relief in the form of a Payment (the "Assistance"), to acquire, constructing the construction of the constructed, and experience of the constructed, and financed; and (iii) to be constructed, and financed; and (iii) to purchase) or sell the Facility to be constructed, and financed; and (iii) to purchase) or sell the Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Agency incomplishment with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency will follow the procedures for deviation from such policy in accordance with the provisions of the GML.

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A representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to review the project application, and hear comments and accept written statements from any persons with views in favor of or opposed to either the company or the loans of the company of the loans of the company with the Agency with respect to the Facility. A copy of the Application filed by the costs and benefits of the public inspection during business thousand the Agency with respect to the Facility, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the public inspection during business thousand the Agency with respect of the Agency with a Agency of the Agency.

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Members of the Agency.

Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be addressed to John J. Pleack, Jr., Executive Director, Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency, 420 E. German Street, Suite 101A, Herkimer, New York 13380; Telaphone 315-868-3000.

HEAKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Date: January, 2019 By Name: Stacey J. Holleran Title: Assistant Secretary TT: 01/11/2019

Note: Please review and approve the Revised text above with your reply. Thank you,

EXHIBIT B

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency January 22, 2019 @ 9:00 AM Higby Gold, Inc. Town of Frankfort, Town Hall, 201 Third Avenue Frankfort, NY 13340

John J. Piseck, Jr. introduced himself as the Executive Director of the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency and opened the public hearing at 9:02AM.

Mr. Piseck appointed Stacey Holleran to record the minutes of the hearing.

Mr. Piseck also introduced Mr. Jerry Stucchi and Mr. John Dillon of Higby Gold.

Mr. Piseck stated that on January 11, 2019, a Public Hearing Notice was published in the legal section of the Times Telegram as well as being posted on the Agency's website. The Agency also provided a copy to the CEO of all affecting taxing jurisdictions. The following is the published notice:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing pursuant to Article 18-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, will be held by the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 22nd day of January 2019, at 9:00 AM, local time at the Town Hall, Village of Frankfort, 201 Third Avenue, Herkimer County, New York, in connection with the following matter:

HIGBY GOLD, INC. (the "Company") has requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project for the benefit of the Company as follows: (i) to provide assistance through sales tax and mortgage tax incentives for the constructing, equipping, and financing of the below described project Facility and real property tax relief in the form of a Payment In Lieu of Tax Agreement (the "Assistance"), (ii) to acquire, construct, equip, and finance the Facility or to cause the Facility to be constructed, equipped, and financed; and (iii) to lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sell the Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency. If any portion of the Assistance being offered by the Agency is inconsistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency will follow the procedures for deviation from such policy in accordance with the provisions of the GML.

The Facility will consist of the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a complete truck stop/retail convenience outlet providing diesel fuel, gasoline, driver amenities, convenience store, restaurant, truck wash, reserved parking, and CAT Scales, operation and office space located on the east side of Country Mile in the Town of Frankfort, Herkimer County, State of New York, known as Lot 19 and Lot 20. The Project has an estimated cost of Three Million Three Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand and 00/10 Dollars (\$3,368,000.00) (the "Project Costs)". The Facility will be owned and operated by the Company.

A representative of the Agency will be at the above-stated time and place to review the project application, and hear comments and accept written statements from any persons with

views in favor of or opposed to either the proposed Assistance to the Company or the location or nature of the Facility. A copy of the Application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Facility, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, is available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the Agency. A transcript or summary report of the hearing will be made available to the members of the Agency.

Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be addressed to John J. Piseck, Jr., Executive Director, Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency, 420 E. German Street, Suite 101A, Herkimer, New York 13350; Telephone 315-866-3000.

The agency is in receipt of census and economic data relevant to this project. The data provides income and employment information on the county and the town. The data suggests that the Town of Frankfort is an economically distressed area.

Mr. Piseck invited public comments.

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Being no public comment, the public hearing was closed at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey J. Holleran Office Manager

Attachment: Sign in sheet

ATTENDEES – PUBLIC HEARING HERKIMER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY HIGBY GOLD, INC. – 9:00 A.M. – JANUARY 22, 2019 TOWN HALL, TOWN OF FRANKFORT, 201 THIRD AVE., FRANKFORT, NY

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Jerry Stucchi John Pillon	High Gold
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