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MINUTES

May 19, 2026

Herkimer Local Development Corporation

The Herkimer Local Development Corporation held a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 immediately following the Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency board meeting. The meeting was held electronically via zoom conference as well as a public meeting open for the public to attend in person. Members of the public were invited to join the meeting virtually by going to www.zoom.com or by dialing (929) 205-6099 and entering ID: 864-4681-6879 and passcode: 226094. Members of the public were invited to attend the meeting in person in the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce conference room at 420 E. German Street, Herkimer, NY 13350.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Vincent (Jim) Bono called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:09 AM

The following members were present in person and answered the roll call: Vincent (Jim) Bono, Frank Mendl, Ann Gaworecki, and Cory Albrecht **Quorum Present (4)**

Members Absent: Dr. Terri Grates Day, Robert Davenport, Tim Day

Agency Staff Present: John Piseck, Victoria Adams, and Samantha Canarelli.

Also Present in Person: Herkimer County Legislators Anthony J. Lucenti, Greg Malta, and Peter Campione.

Also Present Virtually: Shannon Wagner, Hodgson Russ LLP.

Mission Statement: Samantha Canarelli read the Corporation's mission statement.

Minutes: The meeting minutes of the board meeting on April 28, 2026 were offered for review. **Cory Albrecht moved, seconded by Jim Bono to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 naves.**

Financial Reports: April Financial Reports: The April 2026 Financial Report, Balance Sheet,

Check Register, and Masonic Appropriation were reviewed. After discussion. **Frank Mendl moved, seconded by Cory Albrecht to approve all financial reports as presented. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 naves.**

Marketing Update: Samantha provided an update to the board on marketing efforts for the LDC; including, the Brownfields Developer Summit, Poster Contest, and Bills School.

Masonic Building: A photograph of the rear portion of the structure was provided to the Board, showing signs of deterioration. Mr. Piseck informed the Board that the Agency is taking steps to stabilize the structure, with an estimated cost of \$1,800. **This item was for discussion only.**

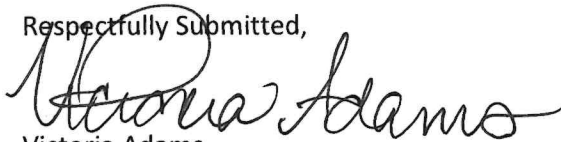
Charlestown: Mr. Piseck provided an update to the board on the environmental concerns at the Charlestown site. During site investigations, an alarming level of chlorinated solvents were discovered. The Agency has notified DEC and is trying to determine the best path forward. The Agency still intends to try to redevelop the site; however, this contamination presents a level of difficulty that was not anticipated. **This item was for discussion only.**

Project Updates/Other Business:

- Bills School – continuing marketing efforts

Being no other business, Frank Mendl moved, seconded by Cory Albrecht to adjourn at 9:30 AM. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 naves.

Respectfully Submitted,



Victoria Adams
Operations Manager