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MINUTES

May 19, 2026

Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency Board of Directors Meeting

The Herkimer County Industrial Development Agency held a regular meeting of the Board of Directors, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 8:00 AM. 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: 875-6466-4800 and passcode: 402411. 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.

Chairman Vincent (Jim) Bono lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and called the meeting to order at 8 am

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

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

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

Also Present in Person: Herkimer County Legislators: Anthony J. Lucenti, Peter Campione, and Greg Malta Sr (entered at 8:48am); Anthony Hallak, Felt Evans LLP; Noah Partenza (IDA Intern)

Also Present Virtually: Shannon Wagner, Hodgson Russ LLP, Alvin Montana, incoming County Administrator, and Elaine Sperbeck, Herkimer County Resident.

Mr. Bono welcomed the Agency's summer intern, Noah Partenza.

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

Minutes: The meeting minutes of the board meeting on April 28, 2026 were offered for review. **Cory Albrecht moved, seconded by Frank Mendl 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 PILOT report were reviewed. After discussion. **Cory Albrecht moved, seconded by Ann Gaworecki to approve all financial reports as presented. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 naves.**

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Microenterprise Grant: Victoria Adams provided an update on the Herkimer County Microenterprise Grant Program. She stated that all funding has been requested from the state and she is awaiting the final payment request to be disbursed at any time. The following is a list of all awardees and amounts:

- Grippes Property Management \$35,000
- Mrs. Shake \$35,000 L/M owner
- Juliano Farms \$35,000 L/M owner
- Velvet Dog \$32,091.55 L/M owner
- Avot \$32,900 L/M owner
- Melfe's \$35,000 created 1 full time job
- Timeless Salon \$33,329.73 L/M owner
- SurePrint \$16,678.72 L/M owner

This item was for discussion only.

Marketing Update: Samantha provided an update to board members on the marketing efforts. She provided insights on social media and top performing posts, email campaigns, the Brownfields Developer Summit, and Senator Seward memorial sign dedication ceremony.

Herkimer DRI Small Project Grant: Mr. Piseck provided an update on the Village of Herkimer DRI Grant. Progress continues on the Small Project Fund. John and Nicole will be walking the DRI area to attempt to meet business owners at their locations and discuss the program and its requirements. **This item was for discussion only.**

America's 250th Anniversary & HCCC's 60th Celebration): Mr. Bono requested the board consider authorizing the Agency to provide funding in the amount of \$2,500 to support the "Fire in the Sky Palooza" scheduled for Wednesday, July 1st at Herkimer County Community College. **Cory Albrecht moved; seconded by Frank Mendl, to authorize the Agency to support the event with a monetary donation of \$2,500. The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention (Bono).**
Resolution No.: 051926-01

HCIDA vs. Barton & Loguidice: Mr. Piseck informed the board that the Agency was formally notified by Environmental Facilities Corporation that the \$9,358,800 grant award was rescinded.

Schuyler Business Park:

Water Tank Supplemental Work: The Agency received a proposal from Delta Engineers to provide additional services to rebid the water tower project at Schuyler Business Park. **Jim Bono moved, seconded by Frank Mendl to authorize an increase in Delta Engineers proposal for the supplemental work in an amount not to exceed \$7,600. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.**
Resolution No.: 051926-02.

Traffic Signal Permit: The Agency is required to pay a fee to NYS Department of Transportation for the permit to install and operate the traffic control signal. The Town of Schuyler will reimburse the Agency for this cost. **Ann Gaworecki moved, seconded by Cory Albrecht to authorize the Agency to remit payment in the amount of \$5,500 to the Department of Transportation for the Traffic Signal Permit at Schuyler Business Park. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays Resolution No.: 051926-03**

Additional Road Work: The Department of Transportation has requested additional corrective work be completed at the entryway of the park to be in compliance. Mr. Piseck asked the board to consider authorizing the Agency to pay for \$6,000 of the \$17,800 cost. **Cory Albrecht moved, seconded by Frank Mendl to authorize the Agency to pay for \$6,000 in corrective work at Schuyler Business Park. The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention (Gaworecki).** Resolution No.: 051926-04

Strategic Plan: The Agency had a meeting with a consultant from MRB Group and expects to receive a proposal early next week. Mr. Piseck will keep the board updated. **This item was for discussion only.**

Basic EDC Course – Samantha – June 8th-11th: Mr. Piseck informed the board that Samantha Canarelli will be attending a Basic Economic Development Course in Albany from June 8th-11th. The Basic Economic Development Course introduces attendees to the practices of a broad economic development program. Through instruction, peer learning, and case studies, the New York BEDC offers a comprehensive educational experience in economic development fundamentals. **This item was for discussion only.**

Verde Land Sale: Mr. Hallak stated that the land sale is set to close on June 1. **This item was for discussion only.**

Cosby Manor Solar Holdings, LLC – Application for Financial Assistance, CBA, Public Hearing: The Agency received a draft application for financial assistance from Cosby Manor Solar Holdings, LLC. The application is being reviewed by counsel and will be presented for approval at a subsequent meeting of the Agency. **This item was for discussion only.**

Mr. Malta entered the meeting at 8:48AM.

Pacemaker Steel & Piping Co.: The Agency was informed that Pacemaker Steel and Piping Co will not be moving forward with their proposed project at this time. The Agency would welcome the opportunity to work together again and wish them continued success. **This item was for discussion only.**

Village of Herkimer BOA Designation: Mr. Piseck informed the board that the Village of Herkimer was officially designated as a Brownfield Opportunity Area. **This item was for discussion only.**

Project Stark Authorizing Resolution: This item was passed at the Agency's April 28, 2026 board of directors meeting. No further action is required.

EPR Water Application Amendment: Prior to the meeting, Mr Hallak was presented with an amendment to the application for financial assistance for EPR Water by the applicants counsel. Mr. Hallak had questions, which were not answered; therefore, the information was not presented to the board for approval. **This item was for discussion only.**

Manheim Business Park: Mr. Piseck stated that the agency is awaiting documentation on the easement required for the water tank and is also waiting for confirmation from the NYS Department of Health that the water tank project can proceed. **This item was for discussion only.**

Comments Welcome from Elected Officials:

None

Project Updates:

- JBF Stainless
- Capture The Energy May 12th -14th
- Albany Trade Show May 15th
- EDC Conference May 20th – 22nd
- Senator Seward Dedication May 22nd @ 11am
- Daneli Final Training May 26th
- Vitality in the Valley June 2nd – 3rd

Being no other business, Frank Mendl moved, seconded by Cory Albrecht to adjourn at 9:07 am. The motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully Submitted,



Victoria Adams
Operations Manager