

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 24, 2006

2:00 P.M.

Conf. Rm. E, 4th Floor, County Office Building, Oswego, NY

1. ROLL CALL: Chairman Beardsley called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Legs. Fred Beardsley, Chair., Kevin Gardner, Barbara Brown, Dan Chalifoux, Shawn Doyle, Paul Natoli, Jack Beckwith

GUESTS: Mike Treadwell, Jim Best, Legs. Santore and Gearsbeck, Jeff Wallace, Nicole Reome, Chairman Johnson

STAFF: David Turner, Christine Gray, Jan Clerkin, Carol Box, Mary Ellen Barbeau, Steve Lyman, Deb Wise

Approval of April 19, 2006 Minutes

Leg. Gardner moved to accept the minutes from April 19, 2006, seconded by Leg. Beckwith. All were in favor.

2. Environmental Management Council (EMC)

Annual Report –

Chair Beardsley introduced Jim Best from the EMC. Mr. Best stated that Chairman of the EMC, Dave Hertzler, couldn't be here today, due to the state Environthon at the college. Mr. Best stated that the Annual Report for 2005, encompasses work done by the EMC in 2005. The EMC is responsible for oversight of sites of interest. Some of these sites have been managed over the years, which include Lake Neatahwanta, the Shoreline Erosion, and Salmon River Corridor and Tug Hill. Chair Beardsley asked if there was a motion to accept the EMC's Annual Report? There was a motion by Leg. Brown, seconded by Leg. Doyle, to accept the EMC's Annual Report. All were in favor.

Chairman Johnson stated that there will be a couple of Household Hazardous Waste dates this year.

3. OPERATION OSWEGO COUNTY

a. IDA PILOT Revolving Loan Fund Applications

1. New York Bold, LLC

Mr. Treadwell submitted IDA RLF ratification request for New York Bold, LLC. Mr. Treadwell stated that New York Bold, LLC has been around for a few years, they are requesting financial assistance. In 2005 they acquired their own building in the Town of Volney, this was part of their expansion project. Mr. Treadwell is requesting ratification so that they can renovate the building and purchase a specific piece of equipment, which is a new high-speed weigher, this will help with increased production. Mr. Treadwell stated that with the expansion into their own building, they will be adding 16 new positions. They will

have a total of 25 employees with the expansion. Motion by Leg. Brown seconded by Leg. Doyle. All were in favor of funding for New York Bold, LLC.

2. Precision Wood Flooring Products, LLC

Mike Treadwell submitted IDA RLF ratification request for Precision Wood Flooring Products. Mr. Treadwell stated that Precision Wood Flooring Products will manufacture high quality floor moldings and pre-finished flooring using hardwoods. The Company has acquired the Jefferson-Smurfit plant in the Town of Volney. They will sell their wood products to distributors. Mr. Treadwell stated that the IDA loan will be used for roof replacement, sprinkler system, entrance doors and a boiler system. Mr. Treadwell also stated that in three years there will be the creation of 54 jobs. Motion by Leg. Chalifoux second by Leg. Brown. All in favor.

b. Civic Facility Revenue Bonds for Oswego School District Public Library

Mike Treadwell stated that in 2005 the County Legislature approved \$6 million to finance library project. The \$6 million will be paid back in 30 years. Mr. Treadwell stated that bonds were overwritten in Albany. There is no financial liability to the County, State, or City, this is the responsibility of the library. Mr. Treadwell stated that the library will be receiving donations. Leg. Brown asked if the bonds can be bought? Mr. Treadwell stated, usually by corporations and companies. Motion by Leg. Chalifoux second by Leg. Brown. All in favor of supporting the resolution for the Oswego IDA to support the revenue bond for the principal amount, for the improvements and expansion of the library.

4. COMMUNITY, TOURISM AND PLANNING

a. Canal Corporation Grant

Christine Gray spoke about the grant through the Canal Corporation the funding will be used for reprinting the Canaling brochure, which will cost \$2,500. Ms. Gray also stated that the Greater Phoenix Improvement District also received \$500 for a walking tour in the Village of Phoenix. Motion by Leg. Chalifoux second by Leg. Brown to accept the funding for reprinting the brochure. All were in favor.

Mr. Lyman asked about a Budget Modification for the grant award? Ms. Gray stated that the award letter had not yet been received. Mr. Lyman passed around a budget modification for the committee to sign, to accept the grant award.

b. Update on Media Visits

Christine Gray stated that there is a visit scheduled from a 3 person TV crew from Great Britain. They will be in the area June 6th through June 8th, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Ms. Gray stated on Tuesday they will be doing filming of carp around Waddington on the St. Lawrence River. Ms. Gray stated that on Wednesday, they will be filming aerials of the Oswego River, Lake Ontario and on up. They are producing two television programs in England called Extreme Carp, that is what they are looking to film is carp.

Christine Gray stated that the second tour will be NY Detour through I Love NY with travel writer Bruce Northam, covers from Niagara Falls to Long Island. Ms. Gray stated that there will also be 2 tall ships coming into Oswego. The Nina will be in mid June and the Providence ship will also be coming into Oswego.

c. Resolution Designating Contact for State Brownfields Grant

Chairman Beardsley stated that this grant has been okayed. Over a year ago BOA was applied for, designated the City of Fulton, contracts actually showed up. Authorized person for signing, will be David Turner. Motion by Leg. Natoli seconded by Leg. Chalifoux. All in favor.

Mr. Turner stated that applications for \$200,000 for the City of Fulton and \$250,000 for the City of Oswego were submitted last year. The Department of State, thinks those will be awarded soon.

Dave Turner is proposing to have a one day workshop for local municipalities to get started with the grant process. Mr. Turner stated that there is a Non Profit Works from Rochester, that he has looked into. This will be a one day training for up to 50 people (for municipalities), not for profits for \$2,000. Motion by leg. Chalifoux seconded by Leg. Beckwith. All were in favor.

5. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment by Leg. Chalifoux seconded by Leg. Doyle. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.