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Minutes of Meeting of August 6, 2015

Chair Mike Geiss called the Regular Meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation to order at 4:00 p.m. in the joint CLDC/Clayton Improvement Association Board Room on Strawberry Lane in Clayton. Also in attendance were Bud Baril, Vice Chair; Justin Taylor, Treasurer, and Chris Bogenschutz, Assistant Secretary; along with Board Members Larry Aubertine, Cary Brick, Lori Durand, Rebecca Hopfinger, Frank House, Dennis Weller, and Norma Zimmer. John Slattery, Assistant Secretary; Michael Docteur, John Kehoe, and Kathy LaClair were excused. Executive Director Kristi Dippel was also present.

On motion by Bud Baril, second by Cary Brick, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 2, 2015 meeting.

Treasurer Taylor presented a bill for approval in the amount of \$2,584.23. On motion by Lori Durand, second by Bud Baril, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bill, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The RBEG (Rural Business Enterprise Grant), which funded the Wood Boat Brewery Equipment, received payment of \$85,000. The Wood Boat Brewery will reimburse the CLDC \$4675/year starting in 2017 for a total reimbursement of \$28,050. On motion by Justin Taylor, second by Dennis Weller, the Board unanimously approved the restriction of this income for future economic development projects.

Kristi's Administrative Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, included updates on seven current projects. The New York Craft Beverage Tourism Grant awarded the CLDC \$222,000. A letter will be sent out to all the participants to form a committee for input.

Justin Taylor reported that the Town and CLDC have met with the engineers on the Dock Project. A new design is being developed for the wave attenuator at no out of pocket cost to the Town of Clayton or CLDC. Work will begin in August/September with a target completion date of the end of October. The floating docks are open and receiving great feedback. On August 20th there will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the docks. The 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel will also will hold a reception in honor of receiving the AAA Four Diamond rating.

Under New Business, Justin Taylor informed the Board that he and Mayor Zimmer have been very busy meeting public officials about Clayton projects. Additionally, he reported that the 1000 Island Harbor Hotel had a good first year in business and are meeting and/or exceeding their targets. Finally, Taylor reported that Saint Lawrence Spirits has been denied Agricultural District Designation from Jefferson County. The town is considering its options.

Also under New Business, Mike Geiss reported that he would like to see a paved bikeway from the Riverwalk to LaFargeville and is exploring how this could come to fruition.

The next CLDC Board Meeting will be held September 3, 2015.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. on motion by Bud Baril, second by Lori Durand.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Bogenschutz, Assistant Secretary