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Minutes of Meeting of March 3, 2011

Chairman Larry Aubertine called to order the Regular Meeting of the Clayton Local Development Corporation at 4:00 p.m. at the Town of Clayton Board Room on Riverside Drive in Clayton. Also in attendance were Bud Baril, Vice Chairman; Chris Bogenschutz, Assistant Secretary; Justin Taylor, Treasurer; and Secretary John Slattery; along with Board Members Cary Brick, Michael Docteur, Mike Geiss. Rebecca Hopfinger, Kathy LaClair (4:30), Joe Menard, and Norma Zimmer. Executive Director Kristi Dippel and advisors Bill Grater and Mike Bristol were also present, along with Pam McDowell of the *TI Sun* and Jaegun Lee of the *Watertown Daily Times*.

On motion by Bud Baril, second by Michael Docteur, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Meeting of February 3, 2011.

Chairman Aubertine reported that Krog and Hart Hotels met in Clayton February 17 and indicated that the market study favored starting our project with the construction of a hotel, with residential development to follow. Both parties are eager to get started. Larry noted that we have received letters of support from the Thousand Islands Arts Center, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce, the Thousand Islands Land Trust, the Antique Boat Museum, the Seaway Trail, and Don Alexander. He also announced that Senator Schumer told the New York State Association of Towns recently that there would be money available for sewer projects.

Treasurer Taylor presented bills for approval in the amount of \$3,180.75 which, when paid, will leave a balance of -\$12,038.97 in the CLDC checking account. The annual stipend of \$10,000 from the Town of Clayton has been received. There is \$5,860.75 in the Town's Capital Account and \$136,000 in the Town's Money Market Account. On motion by Michael Docteur, second by Bud Baril, the Board unanimously approved payment of the bills, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Executive Director Kristi Dippel was welcomed back by the Board and distributed her monthly Administrative Report and January/February Grant Accounting spreadsheet, copies of which are attached to these minutes. Eight local businesses plan to complete projects approved for funding under the NY Main Street Grant before the summer season begins. The 2011 Audit process has started and a proposal submitted to EPA for its Building Blocks Program. We are making progress on six tasks required by the Public Authorities Accountability Act. Norma, Justin, Larry, and Jack Stopper met with Assemblyperson Russell and Senator Ritchie regarding the Frink/Krog proposal, Metalcraft project, and unfunded mandates, in particular the onerous audit requirements for small public authorities.

Paul Heckman, New Redevelopment Committee Chair, was not in attendance.

For the LWRP Committee, Chairman Aubertine noted that State enforcement of the 1986 LWRP comes before looking at the new Town/Village LWRP which was submitted in April/June 2010 and which continues to be in the queue of the Legal Department of the Department of State.

Norma Zimmer reported that the Frink Park/Riverwalk Committee is disappointed with EDR which seems to have lost interest in the CLDC.

Under Old Business, Justin noted that the Town was working on the definition of Marine Development II. He stated that the next step in the possible factory development was up to Metalcraft. We will be looking to National Grid and to the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce for seed money for planning and grant writing.

The Chair declared that the next meeting of the CLDC Board will be held April 7, 2011, in the Town of Clayton Board Room beginning at 4:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m. on motion by Kathy LaClair, second by Bud Baril.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Slattery, Secretary