



**MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
April 11, 2014**

The Economic Affairs Committee convened at 11:15 AM

Economic Affairs Committee Members Present: Leilani Ulrich (Agency Chairwoman, acting Chair) Arthur Lussi (Economic Affairs Committee Chair) was absent and excused, Bradley Austin (DED), Karen Feldman, Dan Wilt and Karyn Richards for Robert Stegemann (DEC).

Other Members or Designees Present: Richard Booth, Sherman Craig, Lynn Mahoney for Dierdre Scozzafava (DOS), Bill Thomas.

Agency Staff Present: Terry Martino (Executive Director), Jim Townsend (Counsel), Dan Kelleher (Special Assistant-Economic Affairs)

Others Present: Fred Monroe (Executive Director, Local Government Review Board)

Chairwoman Ulrich opened the meeting at 11:15 AM.

On motion by Karen Feldman, seconded by Bradley Austin, the Board unanimously approved the March 13, 2014 minutes.

Special Assistant for Economic Affairs Dan Kelleher provided the following update:

Mr. Kelleher reported there was good news for the towns of Clifton and Fine in that the County can now begin redevelopment on 18 acres of the old J&L site, classified as Industrial Use.

Mr. Kelleher announced that the Champlain Hudson Power Express Trust expects to receive its first infusion of \$2.5 million in the first quarter of 2015. The money will be split between the Champlain, Hudson Valley, and New York City areas for aquatic research and mitigation projects related to Champlain Hudson Power Express construction project.

Mr. Kelleher noted that he is working with Designee Austin and the Governor's Office of Film and Television to bring the "NY Loves Film" roadshow to Lake Placid. It will be an invite-only event to inform film industry businesses about the advantages of filming in New York State.

Mr. Kelleher reported that the Agency will host roundtable of Industrial Development Agency leaders on May 14, 2014.

Presentation: Adirondack Teleworks

Bill Murphy provided a presentation on the Adirondack Teleworks Project. The organization is developing an electronic platform to connect qualified teleworkers to large corporations and small businesses. The program will also coordinate specialized training of teleworkers, matched with the needs of potential employers, by working through the four-county North Country Workforce Investment Board and regional educational institutions.

Mr. Murphy said teleworking is a large economic opportunity for the Adirondacks. He noted that there are over 500 subscribers to the website and it has produced 20-plus jobs. He is working on partnering with more employers. He highlighted the benefits of teleworking including job diversity, limited commuting, and being better prepared in emergencies. He said the future of telework will expand to telemedicine and distance learning.

Following a question and answer period, Mr. Murphy was presented a certificate of appreciation.

The meeting ended at 12:00 PM.