

GREENE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 5, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Greene County Office Building, Room 427

411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414

GCEDC Directors Present:

Allen Austin

Brian Kozloski

Linda Overbaugh

Andrea Macko

Pam Geskie (Ex-officio, Non-voting)

April Ernst (Ex-officio, Non-voting)

Absent:

Mark Maraglio, Chair

Brad Cummings, Vice-Chair

Dr. George Timmons (Ex-officio, Non-voting)

GCEDC Staff Present:

James Hannahs, Executive Director

Evelyn Donnelly, Secretary/Treasurer

Others: Warren Hart, Deputy County Administrator, Teri Weiss, Business Marketing Director

A valid quorum was present for voting purposes.

1. Public Comment Period. No public comment.
2. A motion was made by Director Overbaugh and seconded by Director Austin to accept the minutes as presented from the April 5, 2023 meeting. Vote 4-0, Motion carries.
3. A motion was made by Director Overbaugh and seconded by Director Austin to accept the minutes as presented from the May 31, 2023 special meeting. Vote 4-0, Motion carries.
4. A motion was made by Director Austin and seconded by Director Overbaugh to approve the RFQ for Professional Consultant Services for the GCEDC made by The Harrison Studio. Vote 4-0, Motion carries.
5. A motion was made by Director Overbaugh and seconded by Director Kozloski to approve the RFP for CDBG Microenterprise Administrative Services for the GCEDC made by The Harrison Studio. Vote 4-0, Motion carries.
6. Director Hannahs updated the board on the status of the Microenterprise Assistance Program and expects to release the application in the coming week. He also stated that the required training program officially concluded, and Greene County accounted for roughly 40 businesses, almost 2/3 of total attendees.

Hannahs continued to provide updates on the recently awarded RestoreNY in Coxsackie. Hannahs is working on formalizing an agreement between the Village of Coxsackie, the developer, and the County to ensure roles are properly defined. Additionally, Hannahs disclosed the recent announcement of CFAs and that the EDC is working with potential applicants to apply for funding.

The County is also debuting a municipal marketing campaign that highlights specific towns and their business corridors. The first town to be published was Cairo as the County will be pursuing Greenville and Hunter next.

In addition to the grants and marketing efforts, the County recently finished up their workforce housing assessment report that will be made available to the Legislature and then publicly distributed. Hannahs will utilize the report as an attraction tool to solicit housing developers.

Finally, Hannahs spoke further about ongoing business attraction efforts throughout the County including site marketing, housing developer courtships, hospitality-focused firms, an energy manufacturer, and more.

7. Board Discussion

8. A motion was made by Director Overbaugh and seconded by Director Austin, having no further business to conduct to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0, Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.