

**MINUTES OF THE
CORTLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORP.**

August 14, 2017

The meeting of the CORTLAND COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORP. was called to order at 12:21 p.m. by Chairman Michael McMahon on Monday, August 14, 2017 at the Gutches Lumber Conference room, 3599 Route 281, Cortland, New York, 13045.

I. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER

The following members were present:

Johanna Ames
John Reagan
John Shirley

Clint Brooks
Steve Servies
Michael McMahon

The following staff was present:

Garry VanGorder, Executive Director
Sandy Griep, Office Manager

Karen Niday, CFO
John P. Sidd, Esq.

The following media was present:

Brad Smith, WXHC

The following guests were present:

Dr. Orinthia Montague

Representatives of the Carpenters' Union

- II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Michael McMahon to approve the minutes from the annual meeting, the motion was seconded by John Shirley, all were in favor, and none were opposed. The motion was approved.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- **Authorize Expenditure** – Cobblestone Farm.

The chairman gave a brief history of the Ag LDC. The creation of this LDC was intended to include several farms as part of the newly created Farmland Protection Grant program. Unfortunately New York State changed the regulations and we were only able to maintain the Cobblestone Farm and could not add any others. We are working with New York Ag Land Trust (NYALT) to transfer the easement to them in an effort to reduce costs and ultimately dissolve the LDC.

The NYALT Board is requiring a few things before they take on the easement, including a survey of the property a \$15,000 fee to transfer. Garry is having ongoing discussions with NYALT to determine the best path forward. NYALT to

determine a compromise on a survey. We have received a couple of survey quotes ranging from \$10,000 to \$18,500.

Chairman McMahon made a motion to authorize using the remaining funds in the AG LDC account (\$8637 as of 8/14), to fund a portion of the costs related to the assessment of the easement. The Business Development Corp. will be asked to cover the remaining cost. The motion was seconded by John Shirley. All in favor.

IV. Adjourn – 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Secretary
John Shirley

Chairman
Michael McMahon