

To: ***EDC Board Members***

Re: ***Minutes of 2020 September 1, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Directors***

***Present:*** Matt Fuller, Esq. – Chair  
Judy Calogero – Secretary  
Chris Barden – Vice Chair  
Jim Siplon – Director  
Laura Ladu - Director  
John Strough – Representative, TOQ  
Mike Pratt – Director  
Mitch Amado – Treasurer & Chair of Audit & Finance Committee  
Alex Rotolo - Director

***Absent:*** Matt Simpson – Representative, Warren County  
Dr. Kristine Duffy – Representative SUNY Adirondack – Chair of Governance

***Guests:*** None

***Staff:*** Jim Siplon, Interim President/CEO  
John Wheatley, Vice President  
Lisa Daly, Interim Bookkeeper  
Linda Oldenburg, Office Assistant

On September 1, 2020, the Board of Directors for the Economic Development Corporation met via Zoom Teleconference for a special Board of Directors Meeting at 8:00 a.m. The following items of business were discussed:

**I.** **Welcome & Call to Order:** Chair, Matt Fuller welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m.

**II:** **President & CEO Report:** EDC Interim President & CEO Jim Siplon updated the members on two primary topics that have time sensitive aspects to them. Specifically:

First topic: Interim President Jim Siplon updated the board on recent activities concerning the updating of a broadband study EDC has been arranging over recent months with specialized service provider ECC Technologies based in North Carolina. Mr. Siplon gave a brief summary and historical review of prior broadband analysis work ECC had conducted on behalf of the Adirondack Gateway Council (AGC) in 2013-2014 which was organized and overseen by then EDC President Ed Bartholomew. Mr. Siplon gave details about the new proposal specifically Phase 1 which is a detailed broadband update for Warren County and that time was of the essence to begin the project so later in 2020 EDC is ready to apply for anticipated federal funding round for rural broadband. A resolution to approve the project was agreed to and has been prepared and distributed for review in meeting materials.

Second topic: President Siplon and Chair Matt Fuller gave a briefing on recent discussions had with Warren County supervisors and administrator about EDC's 2021 funding request. Mr. Siplon

related that the timing for EDC's annual request deadline was rapidly approaching on Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>. Further, he added the advice given was to remain at the same level as last year given the strain the county is under from a revenue shortfall perspective due to the pandemic. As part of the funding request, EDC is planning to provide detail on targeted areas of focus and investments to be made in 2020 and 201 that will be beyond anticipated revenues expected in 2020.

**III:** **Approval of Resolution**

A motion to approve the resolution to expend \$10,000 for the ECC Broadband Inventory Update was made by Matt Fuller, seconded by John Strough and approved unanimously.

**VI:** **Other Business.** None.

**IX:** **Executive Session:** Not needed. No action taken.

**X:** **Adjournment:** Upon no further business to come before the board, a motion is made by Mike Pratt, seconded by Jim Siplon, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m.