

Notes of the County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency
Finance Committee
February 23, 2021 | 8:30-9:30am
7551 S. State Street
Lowville, New York



In Attendance: Gagan Singh, Tom Gillette, McKenzie Lehman, Brittany Davis, Cheyenne Steria, Joe Lawrence, Jenna Kraeger

US Light Energy Guests: Mark Richardson (left at 8:58am), Katie Christiansen (Joined at 8:36am, left at 8:58am), Toni Popolizio (Joined at 8:36am, left at 8:58am)

Called to Order 8:31am

- **US Light Solar Projects**
 - IDA staff updated the committee on receipt of two PILOT applications from US Light Energy. The two projects are on Waters Road in Lowville, full disclosure the landowner is Cheyenne's brother-in-law. As of last week, the Waters Road Applications have been deemed complete by staff. The review phase can now begin with the Finance Committee
 - Richardson, of US Light Energy, updated the committee that construction has started at the Waters Road projects. Standard Solar from Maryland is the project owner and is overseeing the construction. Richardson received an update from Standard Solar that mobilization of construction began in early January 2021, access roads have been built, grounds crew has started, but it is slow going due to weather.
 - The project has gone through Town of Lowville's site plan review process, had to allow for solar land use.
 - The Finance Committee recommends moving the project forward for the consideration of the full board with the contingency the IDA receives full disclosure on the status of the project and construction. Richardson will provide a written report of status of construction.
- **January Financials**
 - The January 2021 Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement and transaction listing were reviewed with the Committee.
- **Updates**
 - IDA Staff has a meeting with the attorneys this week to receive an update on the US Light Energy Martinsburg projects and the Sales Tax Exemption Recapture for the US Light Energy Turin project and the Carthage Solar Fund project in Demark.
 - The Committee discussed the PILOT and incentives process further noting that Sales Tax Exemption benefits cannot be used retroactively for purchases.
 - Executive Director Davis updated the committee on the intent to hire a **2021 Summer Marketing Intern**. The intention is to utilize Careers Here funding through Pratt Northam/The WorkPlace for 350 Hours at \$12.50 per hour. However, if there is not a spot available, IDA staff will propose \$4,300 to fund the intern.

Adjourn at 9:27am