



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2017 – Dancing Cat Distillery, Bethel, New York

Present	Absent
Jim Bates	Karen Fisher
Eric Egeland	Steve Vegliante
Richard Sush	Jacob Billig
Fred Stabbert	Alan Zuckerman
Cathy Paty	George Kinne
Gary Schmidt	Glenn Gidaly
Gary Silver	Jeff Siegel
Jerry Skoda	John Conway
Dr. Gerard Galarneau	Joshua Potosek
Jay Quaintance	Peter Frunzi
Laura Quigley	Randy Resnick
Lynne Freda	Suzanne Loughlin
Matt Dorcas	Steve White
Michael Dollard	
Roberta Byron-Lockwood	
Warren Blumenthal	

Also present: Marc Baez, Jennifer Clayton, and Christopher Lockwood.

Let the record show there was a quorum.

The board meeting was called to order 4:35pm by Jim Bates, Vice Chair.

Fred Stabbert motioned to accept the April minutes and Warren Blumenthal seconded, all were in favor and none were opposed. Motion was passed.

Gary Silver motioned to accept the April schedule of payments and Jerry Skoda seconded, all were in favor and none were opposed. Motion was passed.

Eric Egeland went over the financials. The balance sheet continues to improve. Expenses are down and incomes are up so far for the year. Payroll is down. The County has sent the 1st & 2nd quarterly payment. Cathy Paty motioned to accept the April financials and Jay Quaintance seconded, all were in favor and none were opposed. Motion was passed.

Gary Silver spoke about the changes to the incorporation papers. Separating from the public and making it a private entity. Changing the mission statement, Jim Bates asked if we can remove the environmental aspect in the statement. It was agreed to remove that from the mission statement. The new mission statement will state the following: To promote and coordinate economic development in Sullivan County in order to benefit our members by enhancing the quality of life and improving the standard of living in Sullivan County.

Fred Stabbert introduced Matthew Bliefernich who is the new director at the Delaware Valley Job Corps. 350 youth are served and have 135 employees and are looking to get more involved in the community. Always looking for internship opportunities and opportunities to help the youth develop professional skills with more hands on and involvement in the community. DVJC is contracted with Adams Associates and they have 15 contracts across the country. The focus is on GED training, skills training and vocational for low income youth.

NYSEG grant has been approved for \$50,000 to focus on marketing.

Old Route 17 Corridor funding – Marc presented to the legislature and the vote is on Thursday at 11am at the Government Center. Need business communities support on this issue. We will also be going after money to extend the water/sewer. There is approximately 400 acres of land that is suitable.

Orange County Citizens – 3rd lane on Route 17, Marc has been working closely with them to make this happen.

Marc did 2 tours today to show what is going on in the area. Construction for the water park is underway.

Membership meeting will follow the board meeting with the topic focusing on workforce in the county.

Gary Silver motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:04pm and Matt Dorcas seconded, all were in favor and none were opposed. Motion was passed.