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CNY RPDB Meeting

August 15, 2012

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

SUNY Morrisville
Hospitality Suite - Athletic Stadium
Chenango Road
Morrisville, New York 13408

Chairwoman Kathleen Rapp, Presiding

AGENDA

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| 1. | Call to Order | Kathleen Rapp |
| 2. | Approval of Day's Agenda and Minutes from the June 20, 2012 Meeting | Kathleen Rapp |
| 3. | Welcome to Madison County <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Becker, Chairman, Madison County Board of Supervisors | John Becker |
| 4. | Madison County in Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scott Ingmire, Director, Madison County Planning Department | Scott Ingmire |
| 5. | NYSERDA Regional Energy and Sustainability Plan – Status Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Carrick, CNY RPDB, Energy Program Manager | Chris Carrick |
| 6. | SUNY Morrisville Renewable Energy Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Philip V. Hofmeyer, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Renewable Energy | Philip Hofmeyer |
| 7. | Executive Director's Report | David Bottar |
| 8. | Old/New Business | Kathleen Rapp |
| 9. | Adjournment and Tour | Kathleen Rapp |

OPTIONAL "ON-SITE" TOUR

Immediately following the business meeting members and guests will be offered the opportunity to tour the SUNY Morrisville Controlled Environmental Agriculture Greenhouse Facility – a combined aquaculture, hydroponics, and biodiesel processor center.

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MINUTES

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Board of Directors Meeting
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ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Cynthia Aikman, Lawrence Baker, John Becker, Dan Dineen, David Elleman, Scott Ingmire, Mary Ann Messinger, Ralph Monforte, James Murphy, James Rafte, Morris Sorbello, William Southern, and Paul Vickery.

Guests: Tavia Gilbert, Onondaga County Water Authority; Jamie Hart, Madison County Planning Department; Kipp Hicks, Madison County EDA; Philip Hofmeyer, Morrisville State College, Darek Letkiewicz; Terry Masterson, Cayuga EDA; Rob Neimeier, O'Brien & Gere; Tony Palamara, Onondaga County Water Authority; Marcia Rafte; Dave Rogers, Morrisville State College.

Staff: David Bottar, Kathleen Bertuch, Christopher Carrick, Bruce Keplinger, David Kubek, Brian Pincelli, Carolyn Ramsden, Cindy Reilly, Michael Rosanio and Kay Wakeman.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Secretary James Rafte called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. at the office of the Hospitality Suite at the Athletic Stadium in Morrisville, New York. Mr. Bottar noted a small change in the agenda with the inclusion of a welcome address from Provost David Rogers of Morrisville State College. Mr. Rogers welcomed everyone and expressed his pleasure that the group would be learning about the College's renewable energy program and would be touring some of the facilities on campus in the afternoon.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES

A motion was introduced and seconded to accept the agenda and minutes as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

3. PRESENTATION

Mr. Bottar then introduced John Becker, Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Becker provided a brief overview of major activities taking place in Madison County and expressed his thanks to the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board for their assistance on many of these initiatives.

Following Mr. Becker's remarks, Mr. Ingmire began his power point presentation with some quick facts on Madison County noting that it was the sixth fastest growing county in terms of population in New York State. Mr. Ingmire provided a map of the county noting that the majority of land is rolling hills, farm land, state land and recreation use areas. He also explained an ongoing issue concerning the Oneida Nation and how this land ownership by the Nation has financially impacted the counties of Madison and Oneida in the amounts of \$6,500,000 and \$10,000,000 in unremitted taxes, respectively for local sales tax on fuel and tobacco and for taxes, penalties and interest on real property.

Mr. Ingmire gave a brief overview on County finances noting the 2012 total budget is \$102,592,424.00. He expressed concern over recent State mandates jeopardizing their budget and ability to provide funding for local not-for-profits. Mr. Ingmire did point out that in 2012 the County must pay over four million dollars into the NYS Retirement Fund, as compared to \$34,682.00 in the year 2000.

Mr. Ingmire then presented information on the economy and microenterprise in the County highlighting the Madison County Industrial Development Agency that promotes development in the area. He noted that some businesses have moved into the area as well as some start-up companies such as Good Nature Brewing, Inc. and Hillside Motorcycle.

In his next few slides, Mr. Ingmire noted projects on the horizon, highlighting the ARE Business Park (Agricultural and Renewable Energy). He noted that some of the components to this park are landfill gas to energy project, waste heat and solar systems. Other projects noted in the agriculture sector were Open Farm Days, 'Tour de Farms', CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), and Farmers Markets.

Mr. Ingmire described the County's transportation system and their efforts to improve the system by forming a Consolidated Transportation Plan whose purpose is a coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan that considers the needs of low-income, seniors, and the disabled.

Mr. Ingmire described the energy related activities in the County, noting the working groups that have formed to provide education on natural gas development. He also pointed out that Madison County was the recipient of a NYSERDA grant through the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board for Solarize Madison – Climate Change Innovation Program. Some more projects on the horizon for Madison County are the installation of an electric vehicle charging station, solar OV system at Nichols Pond Park, micro-hydro system at Oxbow Falls Park.

Mr. Ingmire went into further detail regarding the Solarize-Madison describing how the program is designed to be affordable for homeowners, business owners, farmers, institutions and municipalities through the use of financial incentives and tax credits. Mr. Ingmire noted 15 purchases and two leased solar contracts have been signed in the program bringing the amount of solar power in the county to 100 kW of installed solar, which is more than the total installed solar for the past 8 years.

Mr. Ingmire concluded his remarks by noting the County's work on several other initiatives including work with the Madison County Health Improvement Plan on an aging- in -place survey and participation in a smart growth training program sponsored by the U.S. EPA.

Following Mr. Ingmire's remarks, Chris Carrick, Energy Program Manager at the Central New York Regional Planning provided an update on the agency's work on the CNY Regional Energy and Sustainability Plan.

At the conclusion of Mr. Carrick's remarks, Professor Philip Hofmeyer of Morrisville State College was introduced.

Mr. Hofmeyer provided a comprehensive summary of SUNY Morrisville's Renewable and Sustainable program. In providing this power point presentation, Mr. Hofmeyer noted that the class curriculum focuses on sustainable energy, renewable energy and energy efficiency in the two-year program. Mr. Hofmeyer, with an expertise in wind/solar/hydro, along with Mr. Ben Ballard, bioenergy, are the co-instructors for the curriculum that was started in 2008. The curriculum is loosely based on similar programs at other universities but also focuses on renewable and sustainable energy rather than just the hands-on approach of installing the systems. He noted that the goal of each student is to graduate from the program with both book intelligence on the subject of renewable and sustainable energy and with hands-on knowledge.

Mr. Hofmeyer presented a photo gallery of the many hands-on laboratories and teaching facilities of the College as well as the location of field work education centers such as a Wind/Solar/Hydro Lab, Bioenergy Lab, AD Monitoring Lab, and Biodiesel Production Lab. Special projects noted include a biodiesel processing facility, harvesting for biomass usage, soil sampling/site assessment, and oil seed extraction. Some of the field work Mr. Hofmeyer described was the assembly of wind and hydro energy systems with students installing and assembling wind turbines, micro hydro intakes, along with the maintenance of these systems. Mr. Hofmeyer went into detail about tower climbing and rescue in their wind facility in order to maintain and install wind turbines and towers.

Mr. Hofmeyer noted that at the conclusion of this program students gain real-world work experience by working with local contractors and receiving wind and solar product training, while also learning the electrical and plumbing skills needed for installation of various systems.

At the closing of Mr. Hofmeyer's presentation, Mr. Bottar invited the attendees to participate in a tour of the College's on-campus aquaculture facility.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

No executive director's report was given due to the facility tour following the presentation.

5. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was no information presented or discussed under old or new business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was introduced and seconded to adjourn the meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Rafte, Secretary