

**Steuben County IDA
Governance Committee Meeting
April 27, 2023
Minutes**

Present: Chris Sharkey, Chair
Michelle Caulfield, Member
Mark Alger, Ex-Officio
James Johnson, Executive Director

Via Zoom: Jill Staats, IDA Staff

Absent Mike Davidson, Member

Sharkey called the meeting to order at 11:33 am. Upon a motion by Caulfield and a second by Sharkey, the minutes from the February 23, 2023 meeting were approved.

Staats presented a request from Delaware River Solar (DRS) for a 2 MW solar project in the Town of Bath known as NY Bath (6105 Scudder Road), LLC. The project will encompass approximately 15 acres of vacant farmland. DRS requested property, mortgage, and sales tax benefits for the \$5 million project that has a benefit to cost ratio of 4:1. Staats noted that there will be no long-term jobs associated with the project but it will create about 35 construction jobs when it is started in Q4 of this year. The project meets the criteria for private sector investment and advances the state's renewable energy goals.

Sharkey asked if the closing and construction would be on time, and Staats advised that DRS offered a start date of Q4 2023 and a completion date of Q2 2024. She did note that another DRS project is on the agenda for the Board meeting for exactly that issue – a request to extend benefits because a solar farm has not been built on time. This led to a brief discussion about project timelines and the need for expiration dates.

Caulfield made a motion to recommend to the Board that it accept the application from NY Bath (6105 Scudder Road), LLC. Sharkey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Caulfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Sharkey. Sharkey adjourned the meeting at 11:44 am.