

**Tompkins County Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting Final Minutes
December 11, 2024 – 2:00 PM
TC Legislative Chambers
121 E. Court Street
Ithaca NY 14850**

Present: Rich John, Jeff Gorsky, Jerry Dietz, Ducson Nguyen, Anne Koreman, Deborah Dawson

Excused: Todd Bruer

Admin: Heather McDaniel, Ina Arthur, Kellea Bauda (IAED), Russ Gaenzle (remote) Harris Beach, PLLC

CALL TO ORDER

Rich John called meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Monika Roth – President of the Friends of the Ithaca Farmers Market

I am here on behalf of the Friends of the Ithaca Farmer’s Market to talk to you about investing in the future of the Farmer’s Market. You might know that we have received a large DOT local waterfront revitalization grant of \$3.6 million from the State. We are going to have a groundbreaking on Saturday with some of the State representatives there at 1pm. We certainly have gotten investment in this project locally including from the Park Foundation and other private sources but we are looking to come back to you at your next meeting with a proposal that the TCDC could help us out. The Farmer’s Market has been operating for 51 years, and we are, I would say, one of the very effective business incubators in our community. We have over 160 members, small businesses we recognize, and it is a place where local small entrepreneurs can get a start, get their product in front of over 100,000 customers a year and you know those businesses grow. They spin off. We’ve had names you will recognize like Emmy’s and Ithaca Hummus and Angel Heart. Quite a number of businesses that have spun out of the Ithaca Farmer’s Market over the years and so we think we fit your goals and objectives to support the community in terms of supporting individuals in our community who want to start businesses that hopefully two or three folks what work with them, and many have other outlets beyond the Farmer’s Market. Some depend on the Market fully for their income, so we want to keep it vital. That is why we are making improvements, and we are investing initially in the parking lot, but we do hope to make further investments down the road. So, I’ll be back in January, thank you.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

BUSINESS

Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca 2022 & 2024 Bond – Affiliation Consent

Jeff Gorsky made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the affiliation/merger of Cayuga Health System and Arnot Ogden Medical Center and the execution and delivery any and all documents in connection therewith. Anne Koreman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0-1 (Bruer absent).

2025 Draft Memorandum of Agreement IAED & TCDC

Deborah Dawson made a motion to approve the 2025 Draft memorandum of Agreement between IAED and TCDC. Jeff Gorsky seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0-1 (Bruer absent).

CHAIRS REPORT – None

STAFF REPORT

Heather McDaniel reported that she met with Monika Roth of the Friends of the Ithaca Farmer’s Market will be coming to the January 8, 2025 meeting with a funding request to assist with the upgrades to their parking lot.

The initial check for the Block 14 loan is being reissued as the original was misplaced before it could be deposited. The project has also hired Joe Bowes of Holt Architects and formerly of INHS to help them do some community outreach and some planning.

MINUTES

Jeff Gorsky made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2024 Board meeting. Deborah Dawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0-1 (Bruer absent).

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.

Minutes were approved on 1/8/25.