



NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority
Board Meeting
March 16, 2020

Present: Art Lussi, Chair Pro Tem
Andy Lack, Vice Chair
Steve Hunt, ESD
Chris Pushkarsh, OPRHP
Bill Beaney
Cliff Donaldson
John Parete
Jill Broderick
Jeff Stefanko

Also Present: Mike Pratt, President/CEO
Michelle Crew, General Counsel

Introduction: Chair Pro Tem, Art Lussi called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and asked for a roll call to confirm a quorum was present.

Art Lussi welcomed Elizabeth Izzo from the Lake Placid News and Enterprise.

Minutes: On a motion by Cliff Donaldson, seconded by John Parete, the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on January 27, 2020 were approved. Jill Broderick asked for an amendment to the minutes. Motion to amend by Jill Broderick based on the items brought forward, second motion by John Parete.

Vote to accept minutes Cliff Donaldson moved, Bill Beaney second.

President's Report: Mike Pratt reports a tremendous President's week which was discussed in the audit committee. President's week was highlighted by the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the 1980 Olympics. Media exposure was tremendous with a value around \$13 million dollars. Nice event with the US Figure Skating Team back and the community involvement and all our venues participating.

Venues are busy with numbers up across the board. The staff has been tremendous with devotion, dedication and responsiveness

COVID-19 threat and reactions, we have been proactive. Yesterday suspended operations and cancelling of events. Situation is very fluid. We will adjust as needed to provide a safe environment for our employees, guests and athletes.

Financial Report: Jeff Stefanko to give financial report – audit committee reviewed profit and loss of January 31, 2020, draft of 20-21 budget, status of ORDA line of credit, upcoming annual audit, and upcoming



RFP for new auditor. Art Lussi commented on how Gore is up almost \$200,000 during the President's weekend.

Executive Session: Art Lussi asked for a motion to go into Executive session Jeff Stefanko motioned, Jill Broderick second, Unanimous 11:25 am

Resumed Board Meeting at 11:37 am.

Art Lussi stated that the discussion in Executive session was to consider the terms of a project labor agreement for the Olympic Center revitalization project.

New Business:

Resolutions:

#366 Approving the Project Labor Agreement for the Olympic Center Revitalization Project. On a motion by John Parete, seconded by Andy Lack, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution #366

#367 Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEA to enter an agreement for the Olympic Center Revitalization – Tunnel Construction. On a motion by Andy Lack, seconded by John Parete Mike Pratt stated to line up the window of construction to impact Cummings Road during non-school session time. The Board unanimously adopted Resolution #367.

#368 Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to enter into an agreement for the Belleayre Upper Mountain – Snowmaking Pump Station – Snowmaking Prefabricated Pump Station. On a motion from John Parete, seconded by Steve Hunt, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution #368.

#369 Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to enter into an agreement for the Replacement of the Cooling Tower at the Olympic Center. On a motion from Chris Pushkarsh, seconded by Bill Beaney, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution #369.

#370 Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to enter into an agreement for Electrical Upgrades to the Olympic Sports Complex (Mount Van Hoevenberg). On a motion from John Parete, seconded by Jeff Stefanko, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution #370.

#371 Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to enter into an agreement for the Whiteface Mountain Pump House #1 Project – Phase II Electrical Contract.



On a motion from Chris Pushkarsh, seconded by John Parete, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution #371.

#372 Committing Capital and Granting Approval for the President & CEO to enter into an agreement for the Whiteface Veteran’s Memorial Highway Roundhouse Repairs Project – Roof Replacement Contract.

On a motion from Bill Beaney, seconded by Steve Hunt, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution #372.

#373 Committing Capital and Granting Conditional Approval for the President & CEO to enter into an amended agreement for the Belleayre Base Lodge Modernization Project.

On a motion from John Parete, seconded by Chris Pushkarsh, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution #373.

#374 Committing Capital and Granting Conditional Approval for the President & CEO to enter into an amended agreement for the Olympic Sports Complex – Transformation Projects site work. Mount Van Hoevenberg.

On a motion from Chris Pushkarsh, seconded by Bill Beaney, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution #374.

Chair Pro Tem:

Setting upcoming Board Meetings: Wednesday, April 15th, Monday, May 11th, Monday, June 15th, at 11:00 am. Mike Pratt had mentioned changing the April 15th meeting to a Monday so Andy Lack could join. Not changed.

Cliff Donaldson spoke briefly with Mike Pratt, ORDA is not excluded from all shut downs. Has the state determined how to handle layoffs? Mike stated he does not have anything to comment on that. The issues have been discussed.

Diane Monroe with Belleayre wanting to follow up with concerns from the employees. Would like to know if there is anything that can be done to celebrate the good workers. The employees at Belleayre really contributed this year. Art Lussi stated Belleayre was up MLK \$26,000 over last year and President’s week another \$25,000 to \$26, 000. These are clearly reflective of the hard work at Belleayre. Diane specifically stated the grooming was amazing. Mike Pratt comments that our employees are our biggest assets we have. Belleayre crew was challenged with the time frame of the Discovery Lodge getting opened on Thanksgiving on a limited capacity. Entire facility opened the middle of December.

Cliff Donaldson stated he had granddaughter and son at Whiteface two weekends ago. He sat in the Bear’s Den and spoke with visitors. Heard compliments on the staff, facility, and trail conditions. No bad comments.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Andy Lack, seconded by Cliff Donaldson, the meeting of the Olympic Development Authority Board of Directors was adjourned at 11:57 am.