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RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A MANUFACTURING PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION. GREAT LAKES CHEESE PROJECT BLOCK

A regular meeting of Allegany County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session at the office of the Agency located at Crossroads Commerce & Conference Center, 6087 State Route 19 North, Belmont, New York, on March 24, 2021 at 10 o’clock a.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chair and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

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Richard Ewell	Chairperson
Judy Hopkins	Vice Chairperson
Michael Johnsen	Secretary
Douglas Frank	Treasurer
Randy Shayler	Member
Ward “Skip” Wilday	Member

Each of the members present participated in the meeting telephonically pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, as supplemented, issued by New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, suspending provisions of Article 7 of the Public Officers Law that require public in-person access to public meetings and authorizing board members to participate in said meetings by conference call or similar service.

ABSENT:

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

Dr. Craig Clark	Executive Director
Pam Common	Recording Secretary
Daniel Spitzer	Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by _____, seconded by _____, to wit:

Resolution No. 0321-

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT ACTION TO UNDERTAKE A MANUFACTURING PROJECT FOR GREAT LAKES CHEESE CORPORATION PROJECT BLOCK WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE.

WHEREAS, Allegany County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as

amended (the “Enabling Act”) and Chapter 99 of the 1973 Laws of New York, as amended, constituting Section 906-a of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Act”) to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and economic welfare of the people of the State of New York, to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration;

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more “projects” (as defined in the Act) or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, Great Lakes Cheese Co., Inc., a State of Ohio business company (the “Company”), has submitted an application (the “Application”) to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, requesting that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the “Project”) for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in a portion of several parcels of land totaling approximately 229 acres located on Trianna Road (Tax map number 158.-1-31) and Old State Road (Tax map number 158.-1-2.1) in the Town of Amity and County Road 20 (Tax map number 145.-1-5.1) in the Town of Angelica, Allegany County, New York (collectively, the “Land”), (2) the construction on the Land of an approximately 486,000 square foot cheese manufacturing facility and an approximately 50,000 square foot waste water treatment facility, utility interconnections, site preparation, access roads and any other required improvements (all said improvements being collectively referred to as the “Facility”) and (3) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of related fixtures, machinery, equipment and other personal property (the “Equipment”), all of the foregoing to constitute a cheese manufacturing facility to be owned and operated by the Company (the Land, Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the “Project Facility”); (B) the granting of certain “financial assistance” (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, undertaking the Project, including the potential granting of financial incentives and acquisition of property are actions under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and associated regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation (collectively “SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Agency issued a Notice of Intent to act as Lead Agency for purposes of reviewing the Project under SEQRA and the Involved Agencies who responded agreed to the Agency acting as Lead Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has duly considered the Project, the full Environmental Assessment Forms for each of the Projects, the information provided by the engineers, the public hearing comments, the criteria for determining significance set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c), the draft Negative Declaration, and such other information deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Agency that:

1. The Agency hereby determines to act as Lead Agency.
2. Based upon a thorough review and examination of the known facts relating to the Project and its careful review of all potentially adverse environmental impacts, and the entire record and proceedings relating to the Project, the Board finds that the Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that a draft environmental impact statement will not be prepared.
3. The attached negative declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the attached negative declaration.
4. Notice of the Negative Declaration shall be published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Richard Ewell	VOTING
Judy Hopkins	VOTING
Randy Shayler	VOTING
Douglas Frank	VOTING
Michael Johnson	VOTING
Ward "Skip" Wilday	VOTING

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF ALBANY)

I, the undersigned (Assistant) Secretary of Allegany County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”), do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on March 24, 2021 with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting; (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held; (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the “Open Meetings Law”) except as modified by Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, said meeting was open to the general public, and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law; and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present, either in-person or appearing telephonically in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, as supplemented, throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that, as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Agency this _____ day of March, 2021.

(Assistant) Secretary

(SEAL)