## **Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee Regular Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** March 5, 2024 – 4:30 PM

**LOCATION(S):** KL Binder Library, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

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**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Hewitt

**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Lizvett Bost, Legislative Administrative Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislative IT

**Specialist** 

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Hewitt, Deputy Chair Walls, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan

and Stewart

MEMBERS ABSENT: None QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislator Collins, Vicki Lucarini (EMC), Ernie Hunt (CMRR),

Glenn Godaly (VCPB), Meg Carey (Resident of Glenford), Casey Plasker (Circulary PBC), Marc Rider (Executive Director UCRRA), Europa McGovern (Deputy Director, UC Dept of Environment), Dennis Doyle (Director, Planning

Board), Steve Rice, Amanda LaValle (Deputy, County Executive).

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Chair Last Name called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM

Motion No. 1: Motion to Adopt the minutes of the January 30, 2024 Meeting

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

**Voting in Favor:** Chair Hewitt, Deputy Chair Walls, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan

and Stewart

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Minutes Approved

Resolutions for the March 19,2024 Session of the Legislature:

**Resolution No. 82** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$45,246.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. – Department of Finance

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$45,246.00 by the County with Barton & Lodguidice, D.P.C. to expand scope of the services and increase funding to allow for completion of Phase II environmental Site Assessments – ARP Brownfields Program, for the term 2/14/24 - 12/31/24.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 82

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Chair Hewitt, Deputy Chair Walls, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan

and Stewart

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Resolution No. 83** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$31,544.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – LaBella Associates, D.P.C. – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$31,544.00 with LaBella Associates, D.P.C. to expand scope and services and increase funding to allow for completion of Phase II Environmental Site Assessments – ARP Brownfields Program for the term 2/16/24-12/31/24.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 83

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

**Voting in Favor:** Chair Hewitt, Deputy Chair Walls, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan

and Stewart

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Resolution No. 84** – Amending Capital Project No. 644 Site Ready Services For Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Amending The 2024 Capital Fund Budget - Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds) And Department Of The Environment

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 644, Site Ready Services for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and increases the funding in the amount of \$315,622 for equipment and professional services.

Motion No. 4: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 84

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Chair Hewitt, Deputy Chair Walls, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan

And Stewart

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Resolution No. 86** – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$173,603.00 Entered Into By The County – Livingston Energy Group, LLC – Department Of Environment

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment in the amount of \$173,603.00 with Livingston Energy Group, LLC to expand scope and services to include additional sites for installation of EV Chargers for the term 2/16/24-10/31/29.

Motion No. 5: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 86

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

**Voting in Favor:** Chair Hewitt, Deputy Chair Walls, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan

And Stewart

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Resolution No. 87** – Authorizing The Department Of The Environment To Submit An Application To The U.S. Department Of Energy - Energy Efficiency And Conservation Block Grant Program

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution authorizes the Director of the Department of Environment to submit an application to the United States Department of Energy for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for a potential revenue of up to \$81,150.

Motion No. 6: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 87

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan Motion Seconded By: Legislator Walls

**Voting in Favor:** Chair Hewitt, Deputy Chair Walls, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan

And Stewart

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Resolution No. 88** – Authorizing Submittal Of Various Electric Vehicle (EV) And EV Charging Station Rebate And Grant Applications – Departments Of The Environment And Public Works

**Resolution Summary** – This Resolution authorizes the Director of the Department of Environment to submit online applications through the Central Hudson EV Make-Ready Program, the NYSERDA ChargeReady NY 2.0 Program, the Federal Inflation Reduction Act Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit, and other available rebate and grant opportunities to offset the costs of fleet electric vehicle (EVs) purchases as well as fleet and public EV charging station purchases and installations.

Motion No. 7: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 88

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

**Voting in Favor:** Chair Hewitt, Deputy Chair Walls, Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts, Nolan

And Stewart

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution Adopted

**Forthcoming Resolutions:** Achieving 70% Renewables by 2030 – Legislator Greene gave an update.

**New Business:** The following topics were discussed:

• Parks, Public Spaces & Recreation Department (discuss three sections of draft plan).

• Catskill Mountain Railroad diesel engine and particulate matter.

**Old Business:** The following topics were discussed:

• UC RRA Reform Update

• Climate Smart School Progress

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

**TIME:** 6:02 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Lizvett Bost, Legislative Administrative Assistant

**Approved:** April 2, 2024

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