



*Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park*

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, December 18, 2015, 9:00a – 10:00am

Members Present: Mike Manikowski, Matt Horn, Susan Brown, Ed Hansen & Tom Schryver

Non-Members Present: John Johnson, Gordon Maynard

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- (John) review meeting minutes of September 18, Board-of-Directors Meeting motion to approve (Susan)...seconded, (Mike) ... minutes approved
- (John) review operation 2015 budget
- (John) review plans for possible purchase of additional workspace building; former Tops Markets building in the Town of Geneva this site also being pursued by another party interested in purchasing entire retail mall EDA funding for new building construction; met with Vinny Esposito URI grant, \$500K, to be awarded to the Tech Farm
- (Mike) consider alternative businesses for building construction, i.e. non-traditional builder
- (Matt) need more detailed plans and specifications from Cheribundi to accommodate them
- (Ed) consider how a non-traditional construction company would insure the project
- (Mike) consider working relationships with sub-contractors; John Hicks to research
- (Tom) would Cheribundi consider co-pack partnerships for a portion of their production?
- (John) review of current projects; energy supplier rates, telephone services, ESD reimbursement
- (Mike) there will be a January 2016 meeting in Rochester which may detail ESD \$ disbursement
- (John) review of 3 Tech Farm tenants currently being considered for Certified Business Incubator status; Vignery Chocolate (virtual), Vintrinsic (software for wine industry), Empire Cider
- (Tom) consider invoicing tenant businesses for "virtual incubator" affiliation
- (Matt) City of Geneva has in development a proposal for a business innovation workspace; Workspace would consist of three areas; co-work space, small scale processing and large scale processing
- (John) new tenants at the Tech Farm; Empire Cider Company and Castle Creek Kombucha

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