



Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park
Executive Committee Meeting, August 17, 2017, 9:00a – 10:00a

Members Present: Mike Manikowski, Jan Nyrop
Non-Members Present: John Johnson, Gordon Maynard

Mike made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 2017.

Jan seconded said motion, motion approved.

John reviewed the operating budget Year-To-Date;

- NYS incubator grant \$124K due in about two weeks
- GVA grant \$21K received, about \$60K remaining to be disbursed
- Rental income from new tenants; AES Systems and Cornell Station Grape Lab
- There is workspace available in half the lab space
- Cheribundi continues to lease office and lab space
- Finger Lakes Technologies Group now leasing telecommunications equipment cage in basement
- Agro Research awaiting feedback from Cornell University legal department regarding approval for new building construction at the Tech farm

Mike asked if operating budget line items expenses are in line with expectations.

John indicated expenses are mostly within projected estimates.

John mentioned that new building construction estimates appear to be less than rehabilitating the existing Cornell Station space.

Jan added that the Cornell Station rehab project has unique proximity to business resources and the Cornell pilot plant...perhaps a URI grant could underwrite this building rehab project.

Mike said that Empire State Development monies might be a possibility, a demonstration project to show demand for the available Cornell building rehab project space...consider presenting a test case to Vinny Esposito.

Jan made mention of an August 30th planned visit to the Cornell Station by Howard Zemsky.

Jan explained that an agenda should be prepared to present an outline of workspace designation and the cost of renovating the space...in anticipation of a visit from New York State Senator, John Flanagan. The outline should focus on the synergies between Cornell Station and The Technology Farm.

John reviewed topics discussed recently in an Ag Group meeting; co-packing resources and the effective use of regional business resources.

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