

Cattaraugus County Economic Sustainability and Growth Corporation
Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2025 at 9:00 am- EDPT Conference Room
Meeting called to order at 9:09 am by Colleen Young

1. Roll Call

The following Board members were in attendance:

- Joseph Keller
- Mary Johnson
- Crystal Abers
- Colleen Young

Additional present:

- Deb Miller- EDPT staff
- Tony Sowers – EDPT staff

Board members not in attendance:

- Mike Brisky
- Keri Kerper

2. Approval of meeting minutes from 4/30/24

- Motioned by Mary Johnson
- Seconded by Joe Keller
- Motion carried

3. Election of 2025 Officers

- Motion to leave officers as is was made by Crystal Abers
- Seconded by Joe Keller
- Motion Carried
 - Chairman – Colleen Young
 - Vice Chairman – Mary Johnson
 - Treasurer – Joe Keller
 - Secretary – Crystal Abers

4. Microenterprise Assistance Program Applications

- a. Crystal Abers gave an update as to where we are in the application process for the new Microenterprise Grant. Application was submitted for \$300,000. It is now in the hands of New York State and we should know in March if we are approved or not.
- b. Board asked to see an update on who was previously funded
 - Are they still open?
 - Where are they at as a business?

5. Discussion was held on how to help businesses. Crystal Abers mentioned that in the Cattaraugus County Economic Development Team Meeting they have been discussing how to

help those businesses starting from scratch. The recurring issues is that businesses do not seem to know what is in their business plan.

6. Discussion was held regarding the Community Revitalization Fund Program that is currently run by Cattaraugus Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism for municipalities. CCEDPT is looking at expanding the program and changing the design of it to help more businesses.

Motion made by Colleen Young and seconded by Mary Johnson to adjourn; motion carried.

Meeting ended at 9:48 am