

ORANGE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY & ORANGE COUNTY FUNDING CORPORATION

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 14, 2019

Orange County Business Accelerator in New Windsor, New York.  
1:30 - 2:00pm

PRESENT: Robert Schreiber, James DiSalvo, John Steinberg

ALSO PRESENT: Laurie Villasuso – Chief Operating Officer  
Kevin Dowd – IDA Attorney  
Vincent Cozzolino – Managing Director  
Melanie Schouten – Project Manager

**Orange County Industrial Development Agency**

**Corporate Mission and Goals**

Ms. Villasuso states that the Governance Committee is required to review the policy practices and asks Mr. Dowd to advise the committee of his findings.

Mr. Dowd states that there has been no change, as far as the law that he has found, that requires the OCIDA to change the policies as they are still up to date. Mr. Dowd adds that the OCIDA is as detailed as possible in fulfilling the requirements.

**Orange County Funding Corporation**

**Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District**

Ms. Villasuso informs the Committee that Mr. Kevin Sumner of the Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District has submitted an overview of the Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District financial plan that details the cost of the tire removal expenses which is \$154,000. Their proposed sources of tire removal funding were the Orange County Funding Corporation for \$25,000 (which they reduced from \$50,000), County of Orange for \$75,000, and Soil and Water for \$54,000.

Ms. Villasuso states that she asked Mr. Sumner if any of the funds have been formally committed and Mr. Sumner responded that the contributions from his office, Soil and Water, in the financial plans are formally committed but that the remainder, which is the legislature and the OCFC, are not. The amounts committed are \$54,000 and uncommitted amounts are \$75,000 from the legislature and \$25,000 from OCFC.

Ms. Villasuso states that she advised Mr. Sumner that she would discuss with the OCFC to make a decision on whether or not to wait until the legislature has committed the funds.

Mr. DiSlavo states that his only reservation is that even though the money will come from the OCFC, it will appear that the money is coming from the IDA.

Mr. Schreibeis suggests that the county should take responsibility for the tire removal and adds that he will agree to the \$25,000 but only if the county fulfills the commitment of \$75,000. Mr. Schreibeis added that he will hold off voting for it at the moment until the county has made a commitment.

Ms. Villasuso states that she will let Mr. Sumner know that once he gets the commitment of \$75,000, the OCFC will move forward.

Mr. DiSalvo suggests reaching out to the county to request their commitment. Ms. Schouten asks whether or not it is the responsibility of the OCFC to reach out and make the request. Ms. Villasuso and Mr. DiSalvo concurred stating that it should be Mr. Sumner's responsibility to reach out to the county to make the request.