

FINGER LAKES RAILWAY CORP.

**SEQRA RESOLUTION
(3101-24-08B)**

A regular meeting of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) was convened in public session on January 9, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., local time, at 335 Montgomery Street, 2nd Floor, Syracuse, New York.

The meeting was called to order by the (Vice) Chairperson of the Agency and, upon roll being called, the following members of the Agency were:

PRESENT:

Patrick Hogan
Janice Herzog
Sue Stanczyk
Kevin Ryan
Cydney Johnson

ABSENT:

Elizabeth Dreyfuss
Fanny Villareal

ALSO PRESENT: Robert M. Petrovich, Executive Director
Jeffrey W. Davis, Esq., Agency Counsel (via Zoom)
Amanda M. Fitzgerald, Esq., Agency Counsel

The following resolution was offered by Janice Herzog, seconded by Sue Stanczyk, to wit:

**RESOLUTION OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DETERMINING THAT A CERTAIN
PROJECT FOR FINGER LAKES RAILWAY CORP. WILL NOT HAVE A
SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
ACT**

WHEREAS, the Agency is authorized and empowered by the provisions of Chapter 1030 of the 1969 Laws of New York, constituting Title 1 of Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law, Chapter 24 of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the “Enabling Act”), Chapter 435 of the Laws of 1970 of the State of New York and Chapter 676 of the Laws of 1975 of the State of New York, as amended, constituting Section 895 of said General Municipal Law (said Chapter and the Enabling Act being hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Act”) to promote, develop, encourage and assist in the acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, equipping and furnishing of manufacturing, warehousing, research, commercial and industrial facilities, among others, for the purpose of promoting, attracting and developing economically sound commerce and industry to advance the job opportunities, health, general prosperity and

economic welfare of the people of the State of New York (the "State"), to improve their prosperity and standard of living, and to prevent unemployment and economic deterioration; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its stated purposes, the Agency is authorized and empowered under the Act to acquire, construct, reconstruct and install one or more "projects" (as defined in the Act), or to cause said projects to be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed, and to convey said projects or to lease said projects with the obligation to purchase; and

WHEREAS, Finger Lakes Railway Corp., a Delaware corporation on behalf of itself and/or entities formed or to be formed on its behalf (the "Company"), has submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requests that the Agency undertake a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A)(1) the acquisition of a leasehold interest in all or a portion of certain parcels of land located in the Town of Elbridge, Town of Camillus, Village of Camillus and Village of Solvay (Town of Geddes), Onondaga County, New York Tax Map #'s: 041.-02-14.0, 041.-03-07.0, 042.-02-10.0, 043.-02-03.0, 044.-03-15.0, 045.-01-29.0, 045.-02-10.0, 044.-04-06.0, 001.-01-08.1, 002.-01-03.4, 002.-06-13.0, 003.-05-26.0, 004.-03-16.0, 015.-04-08.0, 015.-04-08.0/1, 016.-09-16.0, 017.-04.-01.0, 017.-05-63.0, 020.-05-21.0, 024.-01-03.0, 024.-01-13.0, 024.-02-39.0, 025.-02-28.0, 027.-01-27.0 (collectively, the "Land"); (2) the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, installation and equipping on the Land of capital improvements necessary for the modernization of existing railway facilities including, but not limited to, crossing resurfacing, signal upgrades, bridge rehabilitation, track and crosstie replacement (the "Improvements" and collectively with the Land, the "Facility"); (3) the acquisition and installation in and around the Facility and/or for use in connection with the Project of various machinery, equipment, furnishings and other items of tangible personal property (collectively, the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment being collectively referred to as the "Project Facility"); (B) the granting of certain "financial assistance" (within the meaning of Section 854(14) of the Act) with respect to the foregoing, including potential exemptions from certain sales and use taxes, real property taxes and real estate transfer taxes (the "Financial Assistance"); and (C) the lease (with an obligation to purchase) or sale of the Project Facility to the Company or such other person as may be designated by the Company and agreed upon by the Agency.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as "SEQRA"), the Agency is required to make a determination with respect to the environmental impact of any "action" (as defined by SEQRA) to be taken by the Agency and the approval of the Project and grant of Financial Assistance constitute such an action; and

WHEREAS, to aid the Agency in determining whether the Project may have a significant effect upon the environment, the Company has prepared and submitted to the Agency an Environmental Assessment Form dated January 2, 2025 (the "EAF"), a copy of which is on file in the office of the Agency and is readily accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has examined and reviewed the EAF in order to classify the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based upon an examination of the EAF prepared by the Company, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and based further upon the Agency's knowledge of the area surrounding the Project Facility, all the representations made by the Company in connection with the Project, and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental effects as the Agency has deemed appropriate, the Agency makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project pursuant to SEQRA:

(a) The Project consists of the components described above;

(b) The Project constitutes a "Type II" action (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA) meaning the Project is not expected to have a significant impact on the environment and therefore does not require further environmental review under SEQRA.

Section 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the Agency where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

Section 3. The Agency hereby authorizes Agency staff or counsel to take all further actions deemed necessary and appropriate to fulfill the Agency's responsibilities under SEQRA.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Patrick Hogan	X		
Janice Herzog	X		
Cydney Johnson	X		
Elizabeth Dreyfuss			X
Susan Stanczyk	X		
Kevin Ryan	X		
Fanny Villarreal			X

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF ONONDAGA)

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing extract of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Agency, including the Resolution contained therein, held on January 9, 2025, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of such proceedings of the Agency and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matter therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that (A) all members of the Agency had due notice of said meeting, (B) said meeting was in all respects duly held, (C) pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the "Open Meetings Law"), said meeting was open to the general public and due notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Open Meetings Law, and (D) there was a quorum of the members of the Agency present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that as of the date hereof, the attached Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed, or rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of January, 2025.

(SEAL)

Alejo Rodriguez
Secretary