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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 9, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steingart called to order the special meeting of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation at approximately 11:31 AM, in the Legislative Committee Room at the Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello, New York.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present-

Ira Steingart
Sean Rieber
Howard Siegel
Scott Smith
Joseph Perrello
Carol Roig

Members Absent-

Suzanne Loughlin
Paul Guenther*
**Mr. Guenther phoned in for discussion
purposes only*

Staff Present-

Jen Flad, Vice-President Gov't Affairs
Julio Garaicoechea, Project Manager

Staff Absent-

None

Others Present-

Steve White, Agency CEO
Walter Garigliano, Agency Counsel
Tara Lewis, Garigliano Law Offices
Andrew Ford, Sullivan County Attorney's Office
Luis Alvarez, Sullivan County Legislative Chair
Dan Hust, *Sullivan County Democrat*
Star Hesse
Ken Walter

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Steingart, the Board approved the minutes of the October 17, 2016 Special Meeting.

IV. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Garaicoechea handed out a revised schedule of payments. On a motion made by Mr. Steingart and seconded by Mr. Rieber, the Board approved the revised schedule of payments.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Flad updated the Board on **Sullivan Catskills Regional Food Hub, Inc.** ("SCRFH, Inc.") SCRFH, Inc. has been conducting outreach to potential operators with consultant Nathan Forster. They plan to move forward with an operator that will transport the product through the Food Hub. Another component of the project is implementing web-based match-making software that suits the needs of both the producers and consumers. Finally, SCFC's website is currently under development. SCRFH, Inc. plans to implement a small-scale pilot project during this coming growing season. Ms. Flad noted that two **USDA Rural Development Grants** were awarded to the **County of Sullivan IDA**, as grantee, to buy equipment which will be leased to the Food Hub operator. The Board reached consensus that the grants to IDA can be used by SCRFH, Inc. to leverage SCFC's endowment funds, as long as SCRFH, Inc. is also investing in the project.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Steingart asked the Board and those present if there were any questions or comments. The Board recognized the comments of Ken Walter and Star Hesse. On a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Rieber, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jen Flad, VP, Government Affairs & Business Development
Julio Garaicoechea, Project Manager

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