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**RECONVENED MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 20, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steingart called to order the reconvened meeting of the Sullivan County Funding Corporation at approximately 9:08 AM, held in the Legislative Committee Room at the Sullivan County Government Center, Monticello, New York.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present-

Ira Steingart
Suzanne Loughlin
Sean Rieber
Charles Barbuti, Jr.
Paul Guenther
Joseph Perrello
Carol Roig

Members Absent-

Howard Siegel
Scott Smith

Staff Present-

Edward Sykes, Executive Director
Jen Flad, VP
Julio Garaicoechea, Project Manager

Staff Absent-

None

Others Present-

Steve White, Agency CEO
Walter Garigliano, Garigliano Law Offices
Tara Lewis, Garigliano Law Offices
George Duke
Charles Degliomini
Abhay Jain
Star Hesse
Ken Walter
Dan Hust, *Sullivan County Democrat*
Hema Easley, *Times Herald-Record*
Fritz Mayer, *River Reporter*

III. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Steingart referred to the proposed resolution authorizing funding for the **Southern Catskills Regional Food Hub**. Mr. Rieber made a motion to discuss the resolution, and Mr. Guenther seconded the motion. Mr. Barbuti recused himself

from the discussion because he is the Town of Liberty Supervisor and the project is located within the Town of Liberty. Board members discussed the resolution, including the creation of a not-for-profit to run the hub, and a proposed memorandum of understanding between SCFC and the new not-for-profit outlining the latter's plan for the food hub as a condition precedent to funding. Following this discussion, the Board voted and the resolution was approved with Mr. Steingart, Ms. Loughlin, Mr. Rieber, Mr. Guenther, and Ms. Roig in favor, Mr. Perrello opposed, and Mr. Barbuti abstaining. Chairman Steingart commented that the food hub fulfills the original mission and intent of the red meat facility project, to assist the agricultural community. Mr. White added that he believes the food hub will be even more advantageous to the farm community, and that the development of the hub is well underway, led by a talented group that will form the board of directors of the new not-for-profit. Speaking as the Town of Liberty Supervisor, Mr. Barbuti commented that he is happy to see the former red meat facility building put to good use in his Town.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Steingart asked the Board and those present if there were any questions or comments. There being none, on a motion by Ms. Loughlin, seconded by Mr. Guenther, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted:
Jen Flad
VP, Business Development

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