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Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency & Montgomery County Capital Resource Corporation Board Members and Background

Matthew Beck, Chairman (11/25/14-Present)

Mr. Matthew Beck has been a member of the Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency for the past five years, and currently serves as the Agency's Chairman. Mr. Beck is also a member of the City of Amsterdam Golf Commission. Mr. Beck's past experience has included being a member of both the Amsterdam Industrial Development Agency and the Fulton-Montgomery-Schoharie Counties Workforce Development Board. Mr. Beck is employed as a Director with the Bureau of Youth Development at the NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

Carol Shineman, Vice-Chair (1/1/07-Present)

Ms. Carol Shineman has been a member of Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency for 12 years and in that time, has served as Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Ms. Shineman is also a member of the Village of Palatine Bridge Planning Board, as well as a Director on the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District. She is also a Member of the Executive Committee of that same board. Ms. Shineman is President of the MORECO Board of Directors. Ms. Shineman is currently employed at NBT Bank, as an Assistant Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer.

Robert Harris, Treasurer (6/25/13-Present)

Mr. Harris has been a member of the Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency for six years, and currently serves as the Agency's Treasurer. Mr. Harris is board member of the Montgomery County Ag & Farmland Protection Board and the Montgomery County Ag Economic Development Committee. Mr. Harris is the assessor for the towns of Charleston, Minden and Root. Mr. Harris is a part-time truck driver for NELPSC and a part-time crop/livestock farmer. Mr. Harris's past experience includes: Project Administrator, Town of Minden Reassessment Project; Assessor Consultant, Towns of Minden, Mohawk and Stratford; Town of Root Board of Assessment Review-Chairman; NYS Office of General Services, Contract Administrator, Procurement Services Group; NYS Office of General Services, Contract Auditor, Procurement Services Group; NYS Office of General Services, Purchasing Agent, Division of Supply Support; NYS Dept of Agriculture and Markets, Livestock Marketing Specialist; New York Stat Dept. of Agriculture and Markets, Livestock Market News Reporter. Mr. Harris holds an AAS Degree in Agricultural Engineering.

Mark Kowalczyk, Member (3/28/17-Present)

Mr. Mark Kowalczyk has been a member of the Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency for two years. He is President and CEO of Mohawk Machine Works, LLC. Mr. Kowalczyk previously worked for GE Power as North American Senior Product Sales Manager for the Power Services Division and as a Fleet Support Engineer for Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc. Mr. Kowalczyk holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He also currently serves on the City of Amsterdam's Planning Commission

Amanda Auricchio, Member (5/22/18-Present)

Ms. Amanda Auricchio has been a member on the Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency for one year. Ms. Auricchio's activities and memberships include, Albany Law Review, Executive Editor for Coordinating & Operation, Domenick L. Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition, Chair Honors Teaching Fellowship, Contracts I and Contracts II, Sponsler Fellow, Italian-American Law Student Association, Vice President. Awards Ms. Auricchio has received: Presidential Scholarship, Italian American Bar Association Scholarship, The Order of Barristers. Ms. Auricchio is a member of the Albany County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the Montgomery County Bar Association

Laurie Weingart, Member (4/23/19-Present)

Ms. Weingart is a new member to the Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency. Ms. Weingart has lived in western Montgomery County for most of her life, after moving upstate, as a child. Ms. Weingart is a licensed real estate broker and since 2007, she has been the owner of Krutz Properties. The business is located in Canajoharie, but has recently opened offices in St. Johnsville and Mayfield. Ms. Weingart graduated from Canajoharie High School and then earned a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration and Nursing Sciences. Ms. Weingart is a former board member of the Canajoharie-Palatine Chamber of Commerce and is a current board member for Music on Main Street.

Cheryl Reese, Member (10/23/19-Present)

Ms. Cheryl Reese is a new member to the Montgomery County Industrial Development Agency. Ms. Reese has lived in western Montgomery County all of her life. Ms. Reese is the Clerk of the Legislature for Montgomery County, and has worked for Montgomery County for 34 years. Ms. Reese is the Town of Minden Supervisor, currently in her third term. Ms. Reese serves as the President of the Fort Plain Senior Center, in Fort Plain, and sits on various other boards in the community.