RESOLUTION 2024-11-01 OF THE ADVANCE ALBANY COUNTY ALLIANCE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Article IV of the Advance Albany County Alliance Local Development Corporation (the "Corporation") Bylaws, the Corporation may elect

Officers (including to fill any Officer vacancy) by a "majority vote of the Directors"; and

WHEREAS, the Officer position of Secretary is presently vacant due to a Board Member resigning, and the Governance Committee recommends that the Board elect Ms. Helen Brooks to be the Secretary for the Corporation:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Ms. Helen Brooks is elected and approved by the Corporation to serve as the Corporation's Secretary.

Dated: November 20, 2024

Secretary

Motion made by: Alan

Alexander Seconded

by: Michael

Cassidy

Vote: Passed

RESOLUTION 2024-11-02 OF THE ADVANCE ALBANY COUNTY ALLIANCE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS the mission of the Advance Albany County Alliance Local WHEREAS, the mission of the Advance Albany County Alliance Local Development Corporation (the "Corporation") is to foster economic development, promote increased employment and the development and retention of economic activity in Albany County, and to otherwise act in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, in direct support of its mission, the Corporation has identified the green energy sector as an industry which: (I) has the potential to significantly increase economic activity in Albany County; (2) Albany County is well positioned to support and enhance such industry's growth; and (3) serves not only an economic purpose, but also supports the NYS/Albany County stated goals to reduce dependence on petroleum-based energy and decarbonize the economy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Albany County Local Law I for 2022, the Sustainable Technology & Green Energy Plan ("STAGE Plan") was developed to: (l) further support the Economic Development Strategy commissioned by the County Executive in 2019; (2) address the climate protection goals codified by New York State in the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protections Act; and (3) address the dual goals of creating economic opportunity and jobs for the residents of Albany County while decarbonizing the economy; and

WHEREAS, as part of the STAGE Plan and related regulations ("STAGE Regulations") and pursuant to previous Board resolution, the Corporation has been identified by Albany County and agreed to administer and manage a grant program ("STAGE Act Grant Program") with funds from Albany County to foster the development of green businesses in Albany County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the STAGE Plan and STAGE Regulations, the Corporation shall (i) accept and review applications from eligible green businesses seeking funding ("STAGE Applications"); (ii) make determinations as to which STAGE applications shall be submitted for consideration to the "STAGE Act

Committee" (such committee is established pursuant to the STAGE Act Regulations) for final review and funding determination;

WHEREAS, the Corporation has received and reviewed a certain STAGE application for project funding, and following review of the applicant/application against the STAGE Plan's eligibility, the projected economic impact of such project, eligible uses of STAGE Act funds and the STAGE Act's awarding criteria, the staff recommends that the following project be advanced to the STAGE Act Committee for a funding

approval determination:

1. Applicant: Ecovative, LLC Grant Funds Requested: \$681,273

Project: Creation of a modern food

manufacturing, packing

and

distribution facility; installation of new production/packaging equipment; implementation of advanced QC systems; addition of production and supervisory roles

Eligibility Category: Food Processing and Agricultural

(indoor farming) Facility

Jobs Created: 1 16 ET, 86 PT

(ET: 2 professional, 6 skilled, 108

semi- skilled; PT: 86

unskilled)

Jobs Retained: 114 jobs (55 professional, 26

skilled,

Investment in County: 33 semi-skilled)

\$6,812,730

Reviewing Criteria Score: 17 points (out of 22 max)

Recommended Funding Level: \$681,000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, following Board and staff review and discussion of the STAGE Application referenced above (and attached to this Resolution), the Corporation:

- (l) approves the STAGE Application referenced above to be forwarded to the STAGE Act Committee for a funding approval determination; and
- (2) recommends that the STAGE Committee approve and award STAGE Plan funding for the STAGE Application referenced above at the "Recommended Funding Level" identified above; and

(2) if the STAGE Act Committee approves funding for the STAGE Application referenced above, the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to negotiate/execute any and all necessary or related documents/agreements to properly administer and manage the STAGE Act Grant Program with the above Applicant (including but not limited to a project grant agreement) and the STAGE Act Committee in accordance with STAGE Plan and STAGE Regulations.

Dated: November 20, 2024	
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Motion made by: Laura	
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Alan Alexander	
Vote: PASSED	
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approval determination:

1. Applicant: Schonwetter Enterprises, Inc.

(DBA Bilinski Sausage Mfg. Co.)

Grant Funds Requested: \$800,000

Project: Create a cold storage area in their

facility; Purchase/installation of 93% efficient natural gas boiler in their facility; Purchase/Installation of high-heat pasteurization

equipment in their facility

Eligibility Category: Food Processing Facility

Jobs Created: 87 jobs (4 professional, 8 skilled, 5

semi-skilled, 70 unskilled)

Jobs Retained: 65 jobs (20 professional, 3 skilled,

4 semi-skilled, 38 unskilled)

Investment in County: \$14,490,000

Reviewing Criteria Score: 18 points (out of 22 max)

Recommended Funding Level: \$600,000

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Dated: November 20, 2024	
Motion made by: Rich	Secretary
Rosen	
Seconded by: Michael	
Cassidy	

Vote: PASSED