

CLOSING ITEM NO.: C-2

AFFIDAVIT OF COMPANY

STATE OF NEW YORK)
)Ss:
COUNTY OF LEWIS)

I, the undersigned, an Authorized Officer of Red Barn Meats, Inc. (the “Company”), do hereby depose and state as follows:

1. County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency (the “Agency”) may rely on the contents of this Affidavit in proceeding with the closing of its Red Barn Meats, Inc. Project, consisting of: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 1.87 acres of land located at 9095 Briot Road (tax map number 147.00-01-18.210) and 9097 Briot Road (tax map number 147.00-01-18.100) in the Town of New Bremen, Lewis County, New York (collectively, the “Land”), together with three (3) existing buildings totaling approximately 5,624 square feet located thereon (collectively, the “Existing Facility”), (2) the renovation of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately 6,020 square foot facility (the “New Facility” and collectively with the Existing Facility, the “Facility”) and (3) the acquisition and installation of various machinery and equipment therein and thereon (the “Equipment”) (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter referred to as the “Project Facility”), all of the foregoing to be owned by the Company to be operated as a processing facility for the harvesting, processing and packaging of various meat products and other directly and indirectly related activities; (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 sales and use taxes, real property transfer taxes, mortgage recording taxes and real estate taxes (collectively, the “Financial Assistance”); and (C) the lease of the Project Facility to the Company, pursuant to the terms of a lease agreement dated as of September 1, 2024 (the “Lease Agreement”) by and between the Agency and the Company.

2. On or about July, 2024, the Company delivered an application (the “Application”) to the Agency for consideration of the Project.

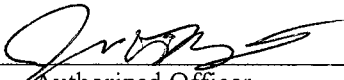
3. The scope of the Project has not otherwise varied significantly from the description published in the Notice of Public Hearing attached hereto as Schedule A.

4. The total Project Costs, as of the date of this Affidavit, are estimated to be \$1,878,207.

5. There has been no other significant change or variation in the Project from the information contained in the Application, except as set forth on Schedule B attached hereto and made a part hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has set forth their hand as of the 25th day of September, 2024

RED BARN MEATS, INC.

BY: 
Authorized Officer

Sworn to before me this 25 day of September, 2024


Notary Public

KAYLA COMPO
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01CO6413570
Qualified in Jefferson County
Commission Expires March 22, 2025

SCHEDULE A
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
- SEE ATTACHED -

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION
Watertown Daily Times

State of New York,
County of, Lewis County,

The undersigned is the authorized designee of Watertown Daily Times, a Daily Newspaper published in Lewis County, New York. I certify that the public notice, a printed copy of which is attached hereto, was printed and published in this newspaper on the following dates:

08/09/2024

This newspaper has been designated by the County Clerk of Lewis County, as a newspaper of record in this county, and as such, is eligible to publish such notices.

Christina Henke Rea

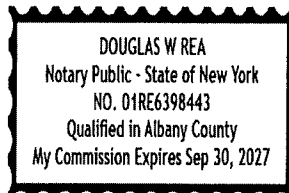
Signature

Christina Henke Rea

Printed Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

This 14 day of August 2024



**LEWIS COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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ON PROPOSED PROJECT
AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
RELATING THERETO**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing pursuant to Section 859-a(2) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York (the "Act") will be held by the County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency") on the 26th day of August, 2024 at 1:00 o'clock p.m., local time, at the Town of New Bremen Office's located at 8420 State Route 812 in the Town of New Bremen, Lewis County, New York in connection with the following matters:

Red Barn Meats, Inc., a New York corporation (the "Company"), submitted an application (the "Application") to the Agency, a copy of which Application is on file at the office of the Agency, which Application requested that the Agency consider undertaking a project (the "Project") for the benefit of the Company, said Project consisting of the following: (A) (1) the acquisition of an interest in approximately 1.87 acres of land located at 9095 Briot Road (tax map number 147.00-01-18.210) and 9097 Briot Road (tax map number 147.00-01-18.100) in the Town of New Bremen, Lewis County, New York (collectively, the "Land"), together with three (3) existing buildings totaling approximately 5,624 square feet located thereon (collectively, the "Existing Facility"), (2) the renovation of the Existing Facility and the construction on the Land of an approximately 6,020 square foot facility (the "New Facility" and collectively with the Existing Facility, the "Facility") and (3) the acquisition and installation of various machinery and equipment therein and thereon (the "Equipment") (the Land, the Facility and the Equipment hereinafter referred to as the "Project Facility"), all of the foregoing to be owned by the Company to be operated as a processing facility for the harvesting, processing and packaging of various meat products and other directly and indirectly related activities; (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, real estate transfer taxes and mortgage recording taxes (collectively, 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.

The Agency is considering whether (A) to undertake the Project, and (B) to provide certain exemptions from taxation with respect to the Project, including (1) exemption from mortgage recording taxes with respect to any documents, if any, recorded by the Agency with respect to the Project in the office of the County Clerk of Lewis County, New York or elsewhere, (2) exemption from deed transfer taxes on any real estate transfers, if any, with respect to the Project, (3) exemption from sales taxes relating to the acquisition, construction, renovation and installation of the Project Facility, and (4) in the event that the Project Facility would be subject to real property taxation if owned by the Company but shall be deemed exempt from real property taxation due to the involvement of the Agency therewith, exemption from real property taxes (but not including special assessments and special ad valorem levies), if any, with respect to the Project Facility, subject to the obligation of the Company to make payments in lieu of taxes with respect to the Project Facility. If any portion of the Financial Assistance to be granted by the Agency with respect to the Project is not consistent with the Agency's uniform tax exemption policy, the Agency will follow the procedures for deviation from such policy set forth in Section 874(4) of the Act prior to granting such portion of the Financial Assistance.

If the Agency determines to proceed with the Project, the Project Facility will be acquired, constructed, reconstructed and installed by the Agency and will be leased (with an obligation to purchase) or sold by the Agency to the Company or its designee pursuant to a project agreement (the "Agreement") requiring that the Company or its designee make certain payments to the Agency.

Pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Chapter 43-B of the Consolidated Laws of New York, as amended (the "SEQR Act") and the regulations (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant thereto by the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (collectively with the SEQR Act, "SEQRA"), by resolution adopted by the members of the Agency on August 1, 2024 (the "SEQR Resolution"), the Agency (A) concurred in the determination that the Town of New Bremen Town Board (the "Town Board") was designated to act as the "lead agency" with respect to the Project and (B) acknowledged receipt of a negative declaration from the Town Board issued on February 12, 2024 (the "Negative Declaration") in which the Town Board determined that the Project will not have a "significant effect on the environment" and, therefore, that an "environmental impact statement" is not required to be prepared with respect to the Project.

The Agency will at said time and place hear all persons with views on either the location and nature of the proposed Project, or the Financial Assistance being contemplated by the Agency in connection with the proposed Project. A copy of the Application filed by the Company with the Agency with respect to the Project, including an analysis of the costs and benefits of the Project, is available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the Agency. A transcript or summary report of the hearing will be made available to the members of the Agency.

Additional information can be obtained from, and written comments may be addressed to: Brittany Davis, Executive Director, County of Lewis Industrial Development Agency, 7551 South State Street, Lowville, New York 13367; Telephone: (315) 376-3014.

Dated: August 5, 2024.

COUNTY OF LEWIS INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BY: /s/ Brittany Davis
Brittany Davis, Executive Director

SCHEDULE B

- NONE -