



PUBLIC HEARING-ORLEANS COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
January 24, 2023 at 4:25 p.m.  
New York State Office of Community Renewal  
Community Development Block Grant – Freeze Dry / Thrive

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Present: Chairman Lynne M. Johnson, Legislators Donald Allport, John Fitzak, Ed Morgan, Merle Draper, Vice Chairman William Eick, Fred Miller, County Attorney Kathy Bogan, Chief Administrative Officer John C. Welch, Jr., IDA VP of Development Gabriel Barron.

Chairman Johnson called the public hearing to order at 4:25 p.m.

Clerk Stenshorn read the following: PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Orleans County Legislature will hold a public hearing at the Legislature Chambers, 14016 Route 31 W, Albion NY on January 24, 2023 at 4:25 p.m. to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties on the housing and community development needs of the County and eligible Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activities and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the County's proposal to submit a Community Development Block Grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal for funding to assist Thrive Foods in the purchase of machinery and equipment for its facility at 111 West Avenue, Albion, New York. A summary of the CDBG program will be presented at the public hearing as well as detail regarding the proposed project. The hearing facility is handicapped accessible. The County encourages public comment and participation in the identification of needs and in the preparation of the grant application. Members of the public may also attend the Public Hearing virtually, please visit [www.orleanscountyny.gov](http://www.orleanscountyny.gov) to obtain information to participate. Written comments are invited and can be submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature at 14016 Route 31 West, Albion, NY 14411. To be considered, comments must be received by 3:00 p.m., January 24, 2023. Dated at Albion, NY, January 10, 2023 Lisa Stenshorn, Clerk, Orleans County Legislature

Johnson introduced Gabriel Barron, VP of Development for our Orleans County IDA.

Ms. Barron stated that this is a wonderful opportunity for Freeze Dry. This project will invest \$3,000,000.00 in Phase 1 for the Freeze Dry Thrive facility in Albion. Thrive has purchased the facility contingent on our bring incentives and capital investment. Thrive is also building a new facility in Oak Creek Wisconsin. The Albion business could be transferred there if this opportunity doesn't work out. Phase 1 will create 45 positions. The grant portion of the OCR is approximately \$675,000.00 to be used for equipment, dryers, initial development for phase 1. We are hopeful more phases will follow. These funds have to be used actual pieces of equipment.

Chairman Johnson asked for public comment. Chairman asked two more times for public comment. Hearing no other comments, Chairman Johnson called the public hearing closed at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Stenshorn".

Lisa Stenshorn, Clerk of the Legislature  
Orleans County Legislature