

May 11, 2023

**Minutes of the Washington County Commissioners'
Unorganized Territories Regular Meeting
held May 11, 2023
in the Washington County Probate Courtroom
Machias, Maine**

**Attending the meeting were:
Commissioner Christopher Gardner
Commissioner John Crowley, Sr.
Commissioner Vinton Cassidy
Betsy Fitzgerald, County Manager
Carla Manchester, Administrative Assistant
Paula Johnson-Rolfe, WCSO
Susan Hatton, SCEC
Susan Sullivan, D.A.'s Office
Rachel Worcester, D.A.'s Office
Tammy C. Gay, Register of Deeds
Heather Green, Deeds
Jill C. Holmes, Treasurer
Lisa M. Hanscom, EMA
Barry Curtis, Sheriff
Michael Crabtree, Chief Deputy
Tate Doane, Edmunds
Rich Rolfe, WCSO, Jail Administrator**

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

**Approval of the U.T. regular meeting minutes of April 6, 2023
(Cassidy / Crowley, 3-0)**

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Report

There was no report submitted this month.

AGENDA ITEM: TIF Grant Committee Update

A report was submitted and is attached.

Ms. Hatton presented a Revolving Loan request from Ralph (Tate) Doane, DBA T&E Excavation. Mr. Doane has a construction business. Ms. Hatton explained that Mr. Doane had to turn work down last season because he did not have the appropriate equipment. Mr. Doane

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requested a loan in the amount of \$75,000.00 to purchase an excavator, mulching head and rock hammer. Ms. Hatton stated Mr. Doane requested the loan be financed at 5%. Ms. Hatton reported the current TIF interest rate is 6.5%. Ms. Hatton noted equipment dealers will finance used equipment at 5% so Mr. Doane asked that their rate be matched. The Loan Committee recommended approval of \$70,000.00 with a rate of 6.5%. This amount would increase Mr. Doane's contribution from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00. Mr. Doane had wanted to acquire disability insurance but it was too expensive. Mr. Doane has agreed to set up a secured savings account with six-months' worth of payments. This savings account will be released after two years. Collateral will also be 1st security interest in the excavator and attachments. Ms. Hatton noted Mr. Doane has a current balance on a previous TIF loan. Mr. Doane is current and up-to-date with his loan. The Loan Committee recommended approval of the loan for \$75,000 at 6.5% with the savings provision.

MOTION Commissioner Cassidy moved to approve the revolving loan request, Loan # RD-TIF-04-11-23, for Ralph (Tate) Doane, DBA T&E Excavation in the amount of \$75,000.00 with an interest rate of 6.5% with the savings provision as presented. (Cassidy / Crowley, 3-0.)

AGENDA ITEM: Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

4:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carla J.R. Manchester, Admin. Asst.

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