

# Resolution 21-11

## Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corporation Board of Directors

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING** Appointment of Patrick J. Morrell, Esq. as attorney for the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corp. for 2021

Moved: Frank Sinicropi, Melissa Nesbit

**WHEREAS**, the Land Bank appointed Patrick J. Morrell, Esq. as the attorney for the Land Bank for the year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, this has resulted in a beneficial working relationship for both parties; and

**WHEREAS**, both parties would like this appointment to continue for 2021 and Mr. Morrell has submitted an engagement letter for 2021; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corporation that:

1) Patrick J. Morrell, Esq. is hereby appointed as the attorney for the Land Bank for 2021 pursuant to the terms set out in the Engagement Letter dated February 19, 2021.

I, Jill Henry, Secretary of the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (the "Corporation"), do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation duly held and convened under a State and County declared State of Emergency on November 24th, 2020, at which meeting a duly constituted quorum of the Board of Directors was present and acting throughout, and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked, and is at present in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned has affixed their signature this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2021. The Corporation has no corporate seal.

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Jill Henry  
Corporation Secretary

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	Yes	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Cindy Garlick-Lorenzetti	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[X]
Robert Hayssen	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Jill Henry	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Don Northrup	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Melissa Nesbit	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Frank Sinicropi	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Kyle Barnhart	[X]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

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February 19, 2021

Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corp.  
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Re: Proposal to Provide Legal Services

Dear Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corp.:

The Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corp. (FLRLB) Board of Directors resolved to appoint me as consulting attorney for the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corp. for 2020. This has been a great honor for me and, I believe, very good working relationship. Please accept this letter as my request for re-appointment and an outline of my prospective engagement as the attorney for the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corp. for 2021.

The scope of legal services which I shall provide to the FLRLB includes, but is not limited to, attending Board of Directors meetings when requested; consulting with and advising FLRLB officers in my office and/or by telephone; negotiation and/or drafting of and/or review of contracts to which the FLRLB is a party and real estate transactions involving the buying, selling, and leasing of real property.

My hourly billing rate for these services shall be \$175.00 for the services noted above. Bills will be rendered by voucher to the FLRLB on a quarterly basis. Hourly services are billed portal to portal, that is, for all time involved, including travel to and from my office.

Hourly services are itemized in six-minute increments (tenths of an hour). The minimum time billed for any service is .1 of an hour, except that any telephone call made or received and any written correspondence drafted or read upon receipt is billed at a minimum of .2 of an hour.

Additionally, my hourly billings will charge reimbursement to me of those costs, which my firm has advanced on behalf of the FLRLB. These charges, commonly known as "disbursements", include but are not limited to telephone toll charges; facsimile charges; postage and delivery expenses; witness and expert fees; and stenographer's and transcript fees. Also, in some more highly complex matters, such as complicated litigation and certain types of finance, I may recommend that the Board engage another specialized attorney or firm to assist me in the matter. The fees charged by this specialized counsel shall be the obligation of the FLRLB.

In closing, please be advised that if a dispute arises between the Board and my office over a legal fee charged, the Town may have a right to arbitrate that fee dispute pursuant to Part 137 of the Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts of New York.

My thanks for this opportunity to serve the Finger Lakes Regional Land Bank Corp.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick J. Morrell', written in a cursive style.

Patrick J. Morrell