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May 15, 2017 – Saranac Lake, New York. The County of Franklin Industrial Development Agency’s Board of Directors Chairman, Justus Martin, announced today the hiring of Jeremy Evans from Saranac Lake as its new Chief Executive Officer. Evans replaces former CEO John Tubbs, who retired in December and Interim CEO Paul Ellis who was hired February 1st to assist during the transition period.

IDA Chairman Justus Martin said Evans rose to the top of an excellent pool of candidates because of his experience working with volunteers and business owners as Community Development Director for the Village of Saranac Lake. “Jeremy’s work collaborating with several different boards to promote community development in Saranac Lake really impressed us. The Board of Directors is eager to find more ways to help existing businesses and entrepreneurs across the County and Jeremy has the right combination of skills and experience to help us achieve this goal.”

Martin also praised the work Ellis accomplished during the transition period. “Paul provided invaluable technical assistance and a steadying influence while we welcomed several new board members and conducted our CEO search during the first few months of this year.”

Evans, who has lived in Saranac Lake for over nine years, said he was honored by the appointment and that he was anxious to get started. “I look forward to working with stakeholders from all corners of the County and the region to build a stronger regional economy and more resilient communities. We need to leverage our considerable assets to tackle the economic challenges we face.”

Martin said that Evans’ first official day at work will be June 1st.