

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2020**

The Highlands County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was held at the Jack Stroup Civic Center, 355 W. Center Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870, on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Vice Chair, Ray Royce, presided over the meeting; a quorum was present.

I. CALL TO ORDER – HIGHLANDS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDA)

The December 9, 2020, Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Janet Barber	Chair	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	No
Ray Royce	Vice Chair	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
Carol Howard	Past Chair	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	No
Wade Taveniere	Secretary/Treasurer	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
Donna Doubleday	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Paul Koukos	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Thomas Leitzel	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	No
John Shoop	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	No
John Varady	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Craig Johnson	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Jim Renfro	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	No
Jason Kimbrell	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Roland Bishop	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Randy Surber	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Will Lenihan	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Kathy Rapp	Commissioner, Liaison	Highlands County BOCC	Yes
Leah Sauls	Dev. Services Director	Highlands County BOCC	Yes
Meghan DiGiacomo	Exec. Manager of Business & Economic Development	Highlands County BOCC	Yes
Jeff King	Economic Development Manager	Highlands County BOCC	Yes
Rachel Barry	Zoning Supervisor	Highlands County BOCC	Yes
Angie King	Zoning Specialist	Highlands County BOCC	Yes

Table 1: Meeting Attendance

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda, which included the September 9, 2020, meeting minutes, was presented for consideration. Wade Taveniere moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Craig Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Meghan DiGiacomo and Jeff King gave an update on the industrial revenue bond process. COVID has slowed things down quite a bit, and they are not wanting to sell the building right now.
- B. Meghan DiGiacomo and Jeff King gave an update on the Tax Abatement Referendum. In 2010, the local voters approved the Tax Abatement Program, but it is was to expire after 10 years. After going on the November ballot, Highlands County voters passed to continue and extend the program for another 10 years with nearly 80% in favor.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Meghan DiGiacomo and Jeff King provided an update on Commercial Pace Financing. An alternative method to assist Industrial Development in Highlands County. Meghan informed the board that the Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to enable the financing program in Highlands County at their October 20th meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The December 9, 2020, Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:48 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.
Lake Placid Town Hall
1069 US HWY 27 N
Lake Placid, FL 33852

Minutes Submitted By: Angie King, Zoning Specialist

Approval Date: March 10, 2021