

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AGENDA

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

Ray Royce, Vice Chair, Presiding

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. IDA December 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Industrial Revenue Bond Update
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Member Terms
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting:
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:30 a.m.
Bert J Harris Agricultural Center (Auditorium)
4509 George Blvd.
Sebring, FL 33875

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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CONSENT AGENDA – IDA

These action items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. A board member may request an item be moved to the regular agenda for discussion.

Presenter

Janet Barber

Request approval of the IDA Consent Agenda for the March 10, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

Recommended Action

Move to approve the IDA Consent Agenda for the March 10, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

Attachments

A. IDA Board Minutes – December 9, 2020

**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

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

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: draft

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INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND UPDATE

Presenter

Meghan DiGiacomo, Executive Manager of Business & Economic Development

Jeff King, Economic Development Manager

General update. Still dealing with some delays related to COVID-19 and the bond market.

Recommended Action

Information Item / Discussion

Attachments

None.

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MEMBER TERMS

Presenter

Meghan DiGiacomo, Executive Manager of Business & Economic Development

Jeff King, Economic Development Manager

The following Board Members' terms expire in September 2021:

IDA Board Member	Member Since	First or Second Term?	Requires Written Recommendation?
Craig Johnson	2017	First	No
Jim Renfro	2017	First	No
Carol Howard	2013	Second	Yes
Donna Doubleday	2013	Second	Yes
Dr. Thomas Leitzel	2013	Second	Yes

There are currently no vacancies on the board, but there are 5 of 15 expiring this September and with several being in second terms, we wanted to bring it up for general awareness and discussion.

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) have a policy that requires a one year waiting process to reapply between two consecutive terms. However, the BOCC adopted a policy change to allow committee and board members to forgo the one year waiting process to reapply between two consecutive terms with a written recommendation from the IDA for an additional term.

Recommended Action

Information Item / Discussion

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None.