

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2021**

The Highlands County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was held at Nucor Steel Florida, 22 Nucor Dr., Frostproof, FL 33843, on Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Chair, Ray Royce, presided over the meeting; a quorum was present.

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

The December 8, 2021, Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Janet Barber	Past Chair	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	No
Ray Royce	Chair	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
John Varady	Vice Chair	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Wade Taveniere	Secretary/Treasurer	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
Paul Koukos	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Thomas Leitzel	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
John Shoop	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
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	No
Randy Surber	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Will Lenihan	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Ann Martin	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Tommy Massey	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Kathy Rapp	Commissioner, Liaison	Highlands County BOCC	No
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
John McGee	Financial Services Professional	New York Life Co	Yes
Garrett Anderson	CEO	Anderson Arms	Yes

Table 1: Meeting Attendance

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda, which included the September 8, 2021, meeting minutes, was presented for consideration. John Shoop moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by John Varady. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Meghan DiGiacomo, Executive Manager of Business & Economic Development and Jeff King, Economic Development Manager provided a brief the industrial revenue bond update.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Meghan DiGiacomo, Executive Manager of Business & Economic Development, and Jeff King, Economic Development Manager, presented the new Member Applications. One vacancy was created with Roland Bishop's resignation. John McGee, Financial Services Professional at New York Life Co., and Garrett Anderson, Mayor of Avon Park and CEO of Anderson Arms submitted applications, and both addressed the board briefly.

John Shoop made a motion for the recommendation of Garrett Anderson to the BOCC for Mr. Anderson's appointment to the Industrial Development Authority; seconded by Craig Johnson. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Shoop did ask, per policy, to keep John McGee's application on file for future vacancies. Ray Royce asked staff to check the bylaws regarding the maximum number of IDA board members.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The December 8, 2021 Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.
Lake Placid Town Hall
1069 US 27 N Lake Placid, FL 33852

Minutes Submitted By: Jeff King, Economic Development Manager

Approval Date: 3/9/22