

# **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AGENDA**

7:30 a.m., December 11, 2019  
CareerSource Heartland  
5901 US-27 S, Sebring, FL 33870

Ray Royce, Vice Chair, Presiding

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. IDA September 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**
  - A. Industrial Revenue Bond Update
  - B. Industrial Hemp
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting:  
Wednesday, March 11, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.  
County Engineering Training Room – Second Floor  
505 South Commerce Ave  
Sebring, FL 33870

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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**

Ray Royce

Request approval of the IDA Consent Agenda for the December 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

**Recommended Action**

Move to approve the IDA Consent Agenda for the December 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

**Attachments**

A. IDA Board Minutes – September 11, 2019

# INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DRAFT MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

The Highlands County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was held in the Lake Placid Town Hall, 1069 US Highway 27 North, Lake Placid, FL 33852 on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. Chair Janet Barber presided over the meeting; a quorum was present.

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

The September 11, 2019 Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:36 a.m.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

*Table 1: Meeting Attendance*

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Janet Barber	Chair	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
Ray Royce	Vice Chair	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
Carol Howard	Past Chair	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
Wade Taveniere	Secretary/Treasurer	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
Donna Doubleday	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	No
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	No
Jim Renfro	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Jason Kimbrell	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Randy Surber	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
James Brooks	Commissioner, Liaison	Highlands County BOCC	Yes
Benjamin Dunn	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 Clerk	Highlands County BOCC	Yes
Sydney Armstrong	Legislative Affairs Grant Coordinator	Highlands County BOCC	Yes
Eva Harper	Town Clerk	Town of Lake Placid	Yes
Michael Noel	Representative of Outside Organization	Small Business Development Center	Yes

## 4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda, which included the June 12, 2019 meeting minutes, was presented for

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consideration. John Shoop moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Wade Taveniere. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Meghan DiGiacomo gave an update regarding the status the Industrial Revenue Bonds.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Due to two vacancies, and Wade Taveniere's term expiring on September 30, 2019, Janet Barber called for discussion on two (2) applications for member appointments – Wade Taveniere and William Lenihan. Ray Royce motioned to move both applications forward for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, and authorize the Chair to write a letter to the County Commission requesting Mr. Taveniere's reappointment without a year break, seconded by Carol Howard. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The September 11, 2019 Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 7:30 a.m.  
CareerSource Heartland  
5901 US 27 South  
Sebring, FL 33870

Minutes Submitted By: Rachel Barry, Zoning Clerk

Approval Date: Draft

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**INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BOND UPDATE**

**Presenter**

Greg Kennedy, Vice President | Zon Beachside

SFSL, LP, the original Applicant for the Harder Hall Industrial Revenue Bond issuance, has entered into a joint venture with Zon Beachside. The original bond issuance has not closed, however, Greg Kennedy with Zon Beachside is present at the December meeting to provide an update on the project, address any questions, and receive direction from the IDA Board. The IDA Board will determine if it will allow the Applicant to submit an update/addendum to the original application or if it will be required to submit a new application with application fee.

**Recommended Action**

- A. Move to approve the Applicant to submit an update/addendum to the original application for Board review.
- B. Move to approve the Applicant to submit a new application and application fee.

**Attachments**

N/A

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**INDUSTRIAL HEMP**

**Presenter**

Meghan DiGiacomo, Executive Manager of Business and Economic Development  
Jeff King, Economic Development Manager

Discussion on industrial hemp growing and processing potential for Florida, rural Florida and particularly Highlands County. Update on current state support status and HCED's efforts and potential for future projects and possible ad valorem tax abatement program applications.

**Recommended Action**

Information Item

**Attachments**

N/A