

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 12, 2018**

The Highlands County Industrial Development Authority meeting was held in the Ward Room at the The Hotel Jacaranda, 19 E. Main St., Avon Park, FL 33825 on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Chair Janet Barber presided over the meeting; a quorum was present.

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Highlands County Industrial Development Authority (IDA)**

The September 12, 2018 Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

- a. Members Present: Janet Barber, Donna Doubleday, Carol Howard, Craig Johnson, Jason Kimbrell, Tom Koppein, Dr. Thomas Leitzel, Jim Renfro, Ray Royce, Mayor John Shoop, Randy Surber, Wade Taveniere, Tim Texley and John Varady.
- b. County Representatives Present: County Commissioner Jim Brooks, Taylor Benson, Meghan DiGiacomo, Benjamin Dunn, and Dana Riddell.
- c. Others in Attendance: Michael Noel, SBDC Business Consultant; Mayor Garrett Anderson, City of Avon Park; George Karos, Avon Park Chamber; and Freddie Jahna, Jahna Concrete.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA – IDA**

The Consent Agenda was presented for consideration. The agenda included the minutes of the July 11, 2018 IDA Board of Directors meeting. John Shoop moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by John Varaday. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Meghan DiGiacomo gave a brief update on the Harder Hall project. The developers of the project have had to push back some of their timeline as they continue to gather information and formulate plans. Meghan is on a working conference call with them weekly to keep updated with their progress and provide any support necessary.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Ray Royce presented Janet Barber's term expiration and discussed the applications on file. The board discussed the importance of maintaining members from Highlands County's target industries. Craig Johnson made a motion to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to reappoint Janet Barber to a second term, seconded by Tom Koppein. Upon roll call all members voted aye.

**7. ADJOURNMENT – IDA**

The September 12, 2018 IDA Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 10, 2018  
Highlands County Engineering Training Room  
Second Floor  
505 S. Commerce Ave.  
Sebring, FL 33870

*Minutes developed by: Dana Riddell, Planning Technician  
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