

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION /
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022**

The Highlands County Economic Development Commission/ Economic Development Organization Board of Directors meeting was held at Highlands County Annex Building, 505 S. Commerce Ave, Sebring, FL 33870 on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Chair, Ray Royce, presided over the meeting; a quorum was present.

I. CALL TO ORDER – HIGHLANDS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (EDO)

The September 7, 2022, Economic Development Commission/Economic Development Organization’s Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:39 a.m.

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Janet Barber	Past Chair	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	No
Ray Royce	Chair	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
John Varady	Vice Chair	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
Wade Taveniere	Secretary/Treasurer	IDA/EDC Executive Committee	Yes
Paul Koukos	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	No
Thomas Leitzel	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
John Shoop	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	Yes
Garrett Anderson	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	No
Randy Surber	Director	IDA/EDC Board of Directors	No
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	Yes
Leah Sauls	Dev. Services Director	Highlands County BOCC	No
Jeff King	Exec. Manager of Business & Economic Development	Highlands County BOCC	Yes
Sarah Beth Rogers	Economic Development Manager	Highlands County BOCC	Yes

2. CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

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3. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda, which included the June 2022, meeting minutes as well as the June through August Financial Reports, was presented for consideration. Thomas Leitzel moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by John Varady. Motion carried unanimously.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jeff King, Executive Manager of Business and Economic Development and Sarah Beth Rogers, Economic Development Manager gave the Board of Directors an overview of the the June, July, and August Activity Reports.

5. NEW BUSINESS/LIASON REPORTS

- A. Jeff King, Executive Manager of Business and Economic Development, presented a proposed schedule of regular meetings for the 2022-2023 year. John Shoop moved to approve the schedule of meetings; seconded by Wade Taveniere. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. The 2022-2023 budget was presented to the Board. The Board requested to postpone approval of the budget to the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The September 7, 2022, Economic Development Commission for Highlands County Economic Development Commission (EDC) / Economic Development Organization's (EDO) Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.
Jack Stroup Civic Center
355 W. Center Ave.
Sebring, FL 33870

Minutes Submitted By: Sarah Beth Rogers, Economic Development Manager

Approval Date: draft