



**BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
SERVED BY ACCELERATE JACKSON COUNTY

**BDDA Board Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2026, at 7:00 a.m.  
Blackman Charter Township Meeting Hall**

**Members Present (9):** Mike Ambs, Dan Decker, Kevin Ganton, Jeff Kinney, Steve Shotwell, Rebecca Stewart, Raymond VanZandt, Greg Vogt, and Pete Jancek.

**Members Absent (0):** None.

**Others Present:** Jack Ripstra, Blackman Township Engineer.

**Staff:** Marcia Gebarowski and Sara Owen, Accelerate Jackson County.

Chairman Jancek called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**BDDA Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2025:**

*Mr. Shotwell moved to approve the BDDA Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2025, as presented, with Mr. Ambs supporting. Unanimously approved.*

**BDDA Invoices and Budget Reports through January 31, 2026:**

*Mr. Vogt moved to approve the BDDA invoices and budget reports through January 31, 2026, as presented, with Mr. Shotwell supporting. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

**Authorize \$5,000.00 to the Accelerate 2030 Capital Campaign**

Chairman Jancek presented a revised funding structure for the township's historical \$15,000 annual support of Accelerate Jackson. The new plan splits the cost equally (\$5,000 each) between the Township, the DDA, and the LDFA through 2030. *Mr. Ganton moved to approve the 5-year annual payment of \$5,000 to the Accelerate 2030 Capital Campaign, with Mr. Kinney supporting. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

**Vote to Return the Public Safety Millage Tax Capture Funds to Public Safety**

Discussion was held regarding returning captured millage funds (~\$71,299) to the Public Safety budget to support technological upgrades. *Mr. Vogt moved to return the Public Safety Millage Tax Capture Funds to Public Safety, with Mr. Kinney supporting. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

**Chairman and Board Comments/Updates:**

The board discussed ongoing infrastructure projects, including public safety facility timelines and campus traffic improvements. Updates were provided on county-level educational and environmental initiatives.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Blackman Charter Township DDA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:00 a.m. at the Blackman Charter Township Meeting Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Sara Owen, Accelerate Jackson County.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pete Jancek, BDDA Chairman and Township Supervisor  
Confirming approval of these BDDA Meeting Minutes on \_\_\_\_\_.