



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

**BDDA Board Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2025, at 7:00 a.m.
Blackman Charter Township Meeting Hall**

Members Present (6): Mike Ambs, Don Hoadley, Pete Jancek, Jeff Kinney, Steve Shotwell and Greg Vogt.

Members Absent (4): Dan Decker, Kevin Ganton, Roger Auwers, and Rebecca Stewart,

Others Present: Jack Ripstra, Blackman Township Engineer; Ray Snell, County Commissioner; and Keith Gillenwater, Accelerate Jackson County.

Staff: Debbie Kelly and Sara Owen, Accelerate Jackson County.

Chairman Jancek called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

Public Comment:

None.

BDDA Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024:

Mr. Shotwell moved to approve the BDDA Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024, as presented, with Mr. Vogt supporting. Unanimously approved.

BDDA Invoices and Budget Reports through January 31, 2025:

Chairman Jancek noted the invoice to Consumers was for the tunnel. *Mr. Kinney moved to approve the BDDA invoices and budget reports through January 31, 2025, as presented, with Mr. Hoadley supporting. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

Review & Consider Approval of the Share Use Path between Wayland Dr. & Springport Rd.

Chairman Jancek introduced the topic of a shared use path between Wayland Dr. and Springport Rd. A fifth lane will be added to Airport Rd, requiring the removal of the existing sidewalk. The proposal is for a 10ft. pathway, and Chairman Jancek supports it for safety. Cost estimates were presented for concrete, \$209,440.00, and asphalt, \$161,510.00. *Mr. Kinney moved to approve the Shared Use Path between Wayland Dr and Springport Rd, with Mr. Shotwell supporting. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

Discuss Wetland Delineation Study and Property Clean Up to Prepare for Marketing

Chairman Jancek discussed plans to clean up and market DDA properties, including the need to have a delineation study done. Mr. Ripstra stated that three RFPs have been sent out. Chairman Jancek and Mr. Gillenwater discussed efforts to clean up the area, including shopping carts and debris. Chairman Jancek

also noted that three “no parking” signs were ordered, and the invoice will be included in the next meeting.

Chairman and Board Comments/Updates:

Chairman Jancek updated the Board on upcoming road projects and the LDFA properties, noting that Midbrook is steady and that the second tenant has signed an agreement. Mr. Shotwell provided an update on the airport, including the completion of the solar panel program and the rehab of the tower. Mr. Shotwell also stated that the Board of Commissioners will discuss a municipal management program to address recycling, which can be challenging due to the lack of available markets for certain materials.

Next Meeting:

The next Blackman Charter Township DDA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:00 a.m. at the Blackman Charter Township Meeting Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 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 _____.