



**BLACKMAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
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**BDDA Special Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025, at 7:00 a.m.
Blackman Charter Township Meeting Hall**

Members Present (7): Mike Ambs, Don Hoadley, Pete Jancek, Steve Shotwell, Kevin Ganton, Rebecca Stewart, and Greg Vogt.

Members Absent (3): Jeff Kinney, Dan Decker and Roger Auwers.

Others Present: Jack Ripstra, Blackman Township Engineer.

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

Chairman Jancek called the meeting to order at 7:06 a.m.

Public Comment:

None.

BDDA Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2025:

Ms. Stewart moved to approve the BDDA Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2024, as presented, with Mr. Ambs supporting. Unanimously approved.

BDDA Invoices and Budget Reports through April 30, 2025:

Mr. Hoadley moved to approve the BDDA invoices and budget reports through April 30, 2025, as presented, with Ms. Stewart supporting. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Approval of the 2025 Budget Amendment

A \$500,000 budget amendment was proposed to cover increased construction costs. The board discussed the revised estimates and confirmed alignment with project needs. *Mr. Ambs moved to approve the 2025 budget amendment, with Mr. Shotwell supporting. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

Review and Approval of Estimate for Flagpole Repair from Fritz Signs

An estimate for \$5502.00 from Fritz Signs was presented to repair the damaged flagpole. The board reviewed the scope and cost and voted to proceed with the repairs. *Mr. Shotwell moved to approve the flagpole repair from Fritz Signs for a cost not to exceed \$5,502.00 with Mr. Ganton supporting. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.*

Update Regarding BDDA and County Property – Wetland Delineation and Property Clean-up

Mr. Ripstra noted that the new wetland mapping revealed more wetlands on the county's property than previously known. The board was informed that mitigation credits will cost \$112,000 per acre. A future

meeting will be scheduled with key stakeholders to explore options. Ms. Kelly stated that AJC secured a \$20,000 grant to assist with FAA land release.

Chairman and Board Comments/Updates:

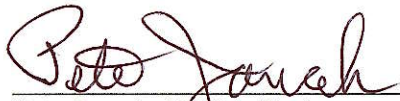
Plans are in motion to improve the East Michigan Corridor through road diet implementation and intersection redesigns. Drainage issues near Sycamore Baptist Church were discussed. The board is working with MDOT and state officials to secure necessary funding.

Next Meeting:

The next Blackman Charter Township DDA Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 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 12/11/25.