

**Village of Howard City
Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2023**

Members Present: Campbell, Baker, Kilts, Parker, Gebhardt, MacTavish, VanWagner, Heckman, Williams

Members Absent with Notice: None

Members Absent without Notice: None

Others Present: Kuzmik

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

The pledge of allegiance was given.

Motion by Heckman seconded by Parker to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023, meeting. Motion CARRIED (9-0)

Public Comment: None

Motion by Parker seconded by Heckman to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion CARRIED (9-0)

Chairman Campbell updated the committee regarding the Spark Grant for the Depot renovation.

Chairman Campbell stated the White Pine Trail is currently being paved from Howard City to Big Rapids. Member Baker stated the trail should be completed later this year. It is scheduled to open December 1.

Chairman Campbell reminded the committee of the Annual Music Festival schedule for this Saturday, August 5. Deb Becker-Fountain was present and stated everything is ready to go; and she has 35 vendors confirmed to be downtown. Chairman Campbell also let the committee know that there will be a scaled down Harvest Festival this year with a craft show, tractor show, and parade.

Public Comment: Mark Stevens asked how the DDA was funded and was informed that funding comes from taxes each year. Deb Becker-Fountain also thanked Chairman Campbell for the information he gave her with a similar inquiry.

Motion by Baker seconded by Heckman to adjourn the meet at 8:16 am. Motion CARRIED (9-0)

Brian Campbell, Chairman

Melissa Kuzmik, Clerk