

**Village of Howard City
Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2026**

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

Members Absent with Notice: None

Members Absent without Notice: Smith

Others Present: Falcon and VanderPloeg

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting at 8:00 am.

The pledge of allegiance was given.

Motion by Heckman seconded by Kilts to approve the February 5, 2026, minutes. Motion CARRIED (9-0)

Public Comment: None

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

Motions by Kilts to accept bid from Griffith but negotiate lower estimate – motion rescinded

Motion by Baker to move forward with project & accept Griffith bid – no second made. Motion Failed.

Motion by Parker seconded by Baker pull out of the depot project. Rollcall:
Williams – N, MacTavish– Y, Baker – Y, Heckman – Y, Kilts – Y, Bissonette – N, Parker – Y, Gebhardt – N, Campbell – Y.
Motion CARRIED (6-3)

Motion by Williams seconded by Heckman to purchase (1) garbage receptacles for Edgerton due to higher turnout to more events. Approved to spend up to \$1500.00. Motion CARRIED (9-0)

Motion by Heckman seconded by Baker to purchase sturdy bicycle racks for increase of traffic from the White Trail. Approved to spend up to \$750.00. Motion CARRIED (9-0)

Campbell scheduled an additional meeting for June 4, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.to continue discussions of the future of the depot/land.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Heckman seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am. Motion CARRIED (9-0)

Michael Falcon, Executive Director

Stephanie VanderPloeg, Clerk