

**Village of Howard City
Downtown Development Authority
Special Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2026**

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

Members Absent with Notice: Bissonette

Members Absent without Notice: None

Others Present: Falcon and VanderPloeg

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting at 8:00 am.

The pledge of allegiance was given.

Motion by Parker seconded by Heckman to approve the May 14, 2026, minutes. Motion CARRIED (9-0)

Public Comment: Michael Scott E. Edgerton – The depot is the oldest building in Howard City and if it is demolished it can't be brought back. Asked if depot wasn't renovated that a plaque be posted for the original site with picture(s). He questioned if the amenities are available when people come to Howard city.

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

Motion by Baker seconded by Williams to accept Griffith bid. Rollcall:
Williams – Y, Smith – N, Baker – Y, Heckman – N, Kilts – Y, MacTavish – N, Parker – N, Campbell – Y, Gebhardt abstained
Motion CARRIED (4-4, Gebhardt Abstained). Tie breaker Chairman Campbell - Y

Mr. Falcon expressed his appreciation and thanked the DDA and Chairman Campbell for coming together to achieve a decision no matter the outcome.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Parker seconded by Gebhardt to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 am. Motion CARRIED (9-0)

Michael Falcon, Executive Director

Stephanie VanderPloeg, Clerk