

Village of Howard City Council & Village of Howard City DDA
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2026

Village President Heckman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Present: Heckman, Toner, Williams, MacTavish, Smith, Wert. Williams arrived at 7:05 a.m.

DDA Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Present: Campbell, Baker, Smith, Bissonette, Parker, Gebhardt, MacTavish, Williams and Heckman

Absent: Rick Kilts

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Public Comment: Jerry Poprawski 20219 Orchard Lane – suggested to cooperate with the Reynolds Township Library to help lower costs. And the DDA should find additional grants. He acknowledged the value of the project and its ability to bring people together but cost was a concern.

Bruce Williams – Uses the trail and mentioned the improvements the neighboring communities have made and the impact it has on passerby's. He provided fact from the Master Plan which included previously approved spending expectations along with transportation volumes near and around the DDA within the Village of Howard City.

TIF and DDA money were questioned and clarification of tax dollars not being spent on this project.

Group Two (DDA): Motion by Baker seconded by (N) MacTavish for the DDA to rescinded previous motion for Carbon Six to do the renovation on the Depot. Rollcall: Baker – Y, (N) MacTavish – Y, Gebhardt – Y, Parker – N, Bissonette – Y, Williams – Y, Smith – N, Heckman – N, Campbell – Y. Motion CARRIED (6-3)

Group Two (DDA): Motion by Baker seconded by Bissonette to select Griffith for renovation of the Depot and recommend the Village Council to accept Griffith. Rollcall: Baker – Y, (N) MacTavish – Y, Parker – N, Bissonette – Y, Williams – Y, Smith – N, Heckman – N, Campbell – Y. Motion CARRIED (5-3, Gebhardt Abstained).

Group One (Council): Motion by (B) MacTavish seconded by Williams for to select Griffith for renovation of the Depot. Rollcall: Williams – Y, Mallory – Y, (B) MacTavish – Y, Smith – N, Hagstrom – N, Toner – Y, Heckman – N. Motion CARRIED (4-3)

Motion by to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 a.m. CARRIED (7-0)

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

Stephanie VanderPloeg, Clerk

Randy Heckman, President