



MINUTES

BERKS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 13, 2025

The January 13, 2025 meeting of the Berks County Industrial Development Authority was held off-site and called to order at 8:35 am by the Chairman, Eric Jenkins.

Members Present: Eric Jenkins
Robert F. Firely
Kirsten S. Deysher
Terri Lampe-Melcher

Others Present: Daniel Becker, Esquire, Solicitor
Jeremy R. Zaborowski, Executive Director
Diane L. Bujnovsky, Financial Coordinator
Pamela Menet (via Zoom)

Members Absent: Andrew Roland

No Public Comments were expressed.

A motion regarding the annual reorganization was made by Mr. Firely to keep all members of the board in the same positions for the upcoming year (2025). Mr. Becker called for a vote, and it was passed unanimously. The board members are as follows:

Eric Jenkins	Chairman
Robert F. Firely	Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary
Kirsten S. Deysher	Vice Chairman, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer
Terri Lampe-Melcher	Vice Chairman, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer
Andrew Roland	Vice Chairman, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

A motion to approve the minutes for the December 9, 2024 board meeting was made by Ms. Deysher, seconded by Mr. Firely and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the December Income and Expense reports, the Financial Statements, and the Budget Reports was made by Mr. Firely, seconded by Ms. Lampe-Melcher and passed unanimously.

A motion to authorize Executive Director to execute Resolution 01-25 to withdraw acting as Grantee for ME# 1944-00 Berks Community Health Center, \$500,000; Release Date 09/11/2018 and recommend the City of Reading take over as Grantee and merge

with RACP Grant ME# 4060-00 Alvernia University American House Renovation was made by Ms. Lampe-Melcher, seconded by Ms. Deysher and passed unanimously. Mr. Becker will supply Resolution 01-25 to be executed.

Executive Director's updates:

Mr. Zaborowski informed the board members Abbott Furnace has formally withdrawn their agreement for the purchase of Lot A.

The Glidden project was discussed, and Mr. Zaborowski informed the board they may close toward the end of February 2025.

The Reading Downtown Development Corporation (RDDC) was discussed, and Mr. Zaborowski informed the board members to have any questions and/or comments ready for the joint meeting of the Greater Berks Development Corporation and BerksIDA on January 21, 2025.

A joint meeting of surrounding IDAs is planned for Friday, January 17th in Norristown, PA as an introduction to how other IDAs function. Plans are made to discuss how IDAs can be more useful to the surrounding communities. Mr. Zaborowski will be attending as the representative for BerksIDA.

A discussion regarding Titus Station and their future plans was led by Mr. Zaborowski, with several board members commenting.

Mr. Zaborowski made a recommendation that having Lots A, F & G pad ready would be a selling point.

A note was made by Mr. Zaborowski that we may need a special meeting before the regular February board meeting to discuss Glidden and Titus Station.

No Executive Session was needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Director