

## MINUTES

### BERKS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

January 8, 2024

The January 8, 2024 meeting of the Berks County Industrial Development Authority was held off-site and called to order at 8:30 AM by the Chairman, Mr. Jenkins.

Members Present: Eric W. Jenkins  
Kirsten S. Deysher  
Robert F. Firely  
Terri C. Lampe Melcher  
Andrew J. Roland

Others Present: Jeremy R. Zaborowski, Executive Director  
Diane Bujnovsky, Financial Coordinator  
Nicole Plank, Esquire, Solicitor  
Michael S. Rivera, Commissioner  
Barbara J. Lopez, Executive Assistant to Commissioner Rivera  
Pamela Menet, Director of Community and Economic Development  
Frank Zukas, President, Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation  
Mark Minnig, Economic Development Manager, Schuylkill Development Corporation (SEDCO)

Frank Zukas, President, Schuylkill Economic Development Corporation, and Mark Minnig, Economic Development Manager, Schuylkill Development Corporation (SEDCO) were our guest speakers at this month's Board meeting. Mr. Zukas spoke of the properties they are developing in Schuylkill County along the I-81 Corridor.

Mr. Firely made a motion to approve the December 2023 income and expense reports, financial statements, and the budget reports. Mrs. Deysher seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Deysher made a motion to approve the October 2023 Board meeting minutes. Mrs. Melcher seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Melcher to approve the December 2023 Board meeting minutes. Mr. Roland seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Melcher made a motion to continue being a \$5,000 sponsor of the Manufacturing Resource Council What's so Cool About Manufacturing program. Mr. Roland seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The South Campus location was discussed, and Mr. Zaborowski presented the plans and pictures to the Board. Mr. Jenkins raised the question of keeping a space in the Court Street building for meetings if the need would arise.

- Mr. Zaborowski's updates:

Jeremy Zaborowski shared a spreadsheet of the current RACP requests. Pamela Menet discussed the top ten requests and informed the board they received a letter of recommendation.

Recommendations for 2024 guest speakers were requested by Mr. Zaborowski. The following were suggested:

- SEI – February 2024
- Transportation
- Legislators
- Lancaster County Alliance/Economics
- York (Broadband)
- Housing Needs/Sites
- Contractors (Barry Schlouch)
- Regular Updates from Commissioner Leinbach for the Airport

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 9:40 AM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director