



Howard-Suamico
Business & Professional
Association

Board Members:

Mitch Mennen, Pfotenhauer Funeral Home – President. **Justin Spettel**, Core Insurance and Risk Advisors - Vice President

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Shaun Bessett, Festival Foods

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Ad Hoc Members:

Micki Volk, HSSD – Secretary

Bob Strazishar, DC Grafx

Dave Weise/**Paul Evert**, Village of Howard

Alex Kaker/Nick Lemke, Village of Suamico

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 – 8:00-9:30 a.m.
Howard-Suamico School District Office

The Howard-Suamico Business and Professional Association is committed to supporting the businesses and professionals in Howard-Suamico by fostering growth and education; and strengthening member organizations in order to build a better community.

I. **Call to Order** – Mitch Mennen, President *8:03 am

II. **Secretary's Report** –Micki (vote)

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Motion: Accept the Secretary's Report as presented.

Motion presented by:

Motion seconded by:

Motion tabled until next meeting due to low attendance at 2.11.26 meeting

III. **Treasurer's Report** – Jeni

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion presented by:

Motion seconded by:

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IV. **Community Reports:**

a. *Village of Suamico –Alex Kaker*

- i. The village received \$1 million in congressional funding for the water tower. This is the first time that the village has received this type of funding.

- ii. Development continues of vacant lots

b. *Village of Howard – Paul Evert*

- i. Introduction of Ciara, who is instrumental in promotion of Village activities (specifically with social media)

- ii. Triathlon registration is on the rise

- iii. Log rolling competition (July 11) is back, with additional activities (Flannel Fest)

- iv. ABBA tribute band on September 26

c. Howard-Suamico School District – Micki

- i. Congrats to the four HSSD educators chosen as Golden Apple Award Teachers of Distinction. Golden Apple Award recipients will be chosen from the Teachers of Distinction. Leah Cramer from Bay Port, Sean Berendes from Bay View, Erica Kentop from Forest Glen, and Erica Hardwich from Lineville.

- ii. Howard Elementary teacher Nicole Gardner was surprised as the Brewers Grand Slam Teacher of the Month. Ms. Gardner was honored for inspiring a lifelong love of learning and making a difference in her students' well-being and long-term success. She received a \$1,000 donation to the school, a custom jersey with her name, and more.



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- iii. New student registration for HSSD residents and 4K registration for the 2026-27 school year is now open. Visit the HSSD website to learn more.
- iv. Parent/Teacher conferences will take place the week of February 23.
- v. Public information sessions will be held in March for community members to learn more about the April referendum. More information to come soon!
- vi. ACP update from MV - committee work continues, Lunch and Learn, Pirate Partnership, Ingold finance camp

V. Board Communication:

- a. First event of the year, March 19th March Madness Kick off Party (Townline)
 - i. We need some volunteers (Be at the event, help reach out to businesses to attend/join the Pick'um Pool)
 - 1. Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (or later)
 - 2. Bracket will be designed
- b. Reminder to schedule your 1 on 1 with our Scope Coordinator for the strategic planning process
 - i. As well taking and sharing the survey with as many members as possible
- c. We should agree to a time and date that we can schedule the photographer for our headshots for the new website
 - i. Tabled for an upcoming meeting
- d. We have Ciara from the Village of Howard, on board, as to our new project of the BTS (Behind the Scenes).
 - i. We need help/ a committee to start to gather businesses that want to take part in this.
 - 1. It will be a positive product for companies searching for value as we navigate the next steps with publication.
- e. **Motion-** New Member, Eden Healing Oasis, 345 Cardinal Ln, Suite 5
 - i. **Motion:** *Accept new member application*
 - ii. Motion presented by:
 - iii. Motion seconded by:
 - iv. **Motion tabled until next meeting due to low attendance at 2.11.26 meeting**
- f. **Motion-** New Member, Shoreline Hometown Credit Union, 315 Cardinal Lane
 - i. **Motion:** *Accept new member application*
 - ii. Motion presented by:
 - iii. Motion seconded by:
 - iv. **Motion tabled until next meeting due to low attendance at 2.11.26 meeting**
- g. **Motion-** Website proposal
 - i. **Motion:** *To reconsider our website proposal and investigate a different proposal and speak to Packerland website about concerns.*
 - ii. Motion presented by:
 - iii. Motion seconded by:
 - iv. **Motion tabled until next meeting due to low attendance at 2.11.26 meeting**
- h. We are absolving the communication committee and making that a branch of the member engagement committee.
 - i. Creating a website committee to pursue changes, updates, and manage the website.
 - ii. We need a chair to each committee that sends in a monthly report a week prior to the scheduled board meeting.

VI. Committee Reports:

- a. Events (Need a Chairperson) - four events currently scheduled for the year
 - i. March Madness, Howard Commons panel discussion 5/21, golf outing fundraiser, pickleball, holiday party) - consider quarterly lunch and learn events
- b. Member Engagement (Justin) - each person has points of contact to engage members
- c. Website (Bob)
 - i. Potentially merge with the Communications Committee? (committee work paused to put focus on the website design)
 - ii. Jerry Mader volunteered to be on the Communications Committee
- d. Behind The Scenes (Justin with Sierra) - initiative to promote local businesses and provide a behind the scenes look into businesses



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Discussion - propose of committees, leadership needed for each committee, manpower is needed to run activities, consider what committee each board member feels compelled to work on, encourage members to be a part of the committee work. How do we encourage members/board members to participate in committee work?

VII. Old Business:

- a. Taste of the Villages (April 23, 2026) - \$600 donation (booze) to this event, need donations by April 13 (drop off at Savoye)
- b. Tabled: Publication decision ETA within a 6-month window (January)

VIII. Adjournment *9:30 a.m.