

FINAL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 10, 2014, MEETING OF  
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2014,  
AT 8:30 A.M.  
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM  
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 625 HIGHLAND COLONY PARKWAY,  
RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

The meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 625 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS.

Members Present: Dick Hutchinson, Bob Williams, Baxter Strain, Jim Smith  
Bill Guion, Lanny Slaughter and Calvin Harris

Also present were Tim Coursey, Lenita Knight, and Attorney Andy Clark.

Guests: Mike McGuffie, Steven Meadows, Chris Sullivan, Jan Collins, and  
Michael Simmons

At 8:34 a.m., Chairman Guion announced that the members present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened and directed that the notice for the meeting be filed with the minutes.

Chairman Guion stated that the agenda should be amended to include a presentation by Mr. David Landrum. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a presentation by David Landrum under new business. After a second by Mr. Harris the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coursey introduced Steve Meadows and Chris Sullivan with CSpire. Mr. Meadows and Sullivan presented the proposed plans for property in Flora. This building will be the site of a GFRC Shelter which will be a concrete building to house fiber optic cable switching. This location will eventually have a gigabyte of fiber internet and phone service. CSpire would like to be able to acquire the property and put a facility on the property which will be a pre fab, pre stressed concrete building.

Mr. Strain made a motion that the MCEDA Board approves the proposed plans for the C-Spire building in Flora. After a second by Mr. Hutchinson the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coursey introduced Mr. Mike McGuffie with Systems Electro Coating. Mr. McGuffie stated that SEC is seeking the approval of the MCEDA Board of their \$3.5 Million, 27,000 square foot expansion. This expansion will result on 15 to 18 new jobs at the facility. Mr. McGuffie stated that the building will be a standard metal building with appropriate setbacks.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the proposed expansion plans for System Electro Coating as presented. After a second by Mr. Williams the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coursey presented Mr. David Landrum to the MCEDA Board. Mr. Landrum stated that the Livingston Development is up and coming. Mr. Landrum stated that there are 11 businesses, which will open in the next few months. Mr. Landrum stated that the Mercantile will open in June and will employ approximately 28 employees. The Farmers Market will open on May 15 from 4 to 7 pm. Mr. Landrum added that the band Kansas will perform the first concert of the season.

Mr. Landrum presented a packet to the MCEDA Board of the sponsorship opportunities available for the Livingston Farmer's Market. Mr. Landrum added that Livingston wishes to apply for a MCEDA Marketing Match Grant. It is the sense of the MCEDA Board that the Livingston Group submits an application for the MCEDA Economic Development Marketing Grant.

Mr. Hutchinson made a motion to approve a MCEDA Economic Development Marketing Grant application for the Livingston Group. After further discussion this motion did not receive a second.

It is the sense of the MCEDA Board that the decision for grant approval should take place after application for the grant has been submitted.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2014 Special MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Hutchinson, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Strain reported that he has reviewed the monthly MCEDA financials and that are in order for approval. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the MCEDA Financials as presented. After a second by Mr. Slaughter the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League. Ms. Collins stated that the ribbon cutting and opening for the Excel by 5 office and the MS State University resource Center was a great success. First lady Debra Bryant was in attendance. Ms. Collins added that the certification process is still underway. The next Excel by 5 event will be the Back to School event scheduled for August 9, 2014.

Ms. Collins stated that the Coffee with Senator Thad Cochran is scheduled for April 23, 2014 at the Jackson Country Club.

Mr. Coursey reported that the bid opening for the MCEDA office was rescheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 2:00pm at the MCEDA office.

Attorney Clark stated that all of points of discussion for legal counsel have been discussed during the Director's comments. Attorney Clark stated that there were no updates at this time.

Mr. Coursey reported that he will be traveling to Chicago, IL for the Greater Jackson Alliance Consultants event.

Mr. Coursey presented the Existing Industry report for Ms. Winningham. Mr. Coursey stated that there are multiple confidential projects that we continue to pursue. Additionally Ms. Winningham worked with SEC assisting with the needs for their upcoming expansion. Ms. Winningham also assisted CSpire with the land acquisition process in the Flora Industrial Park. Visits have also been scheduled for the Existing Industry committee for BCI, Venture Technologies, Taylor Industries and American Howa Kentucky, Inc.

Ms. Winningham also completed the PowerPoint presentation for the upcoming MCBL event and the timeline for the Panther Creek project. Ms. Winningham reported that the wetland delineation for Panther Creek is 80% complete as it relates to the Site Development Grant awarded by MDA.

Ms. Knight provided a Community Development update. Ms. Knight stated that contacts are being made to secure presenters for the upcoming Madison County Human Resource Managers meeting. Ms. Knight reported that she assisted with the preparation for as well as attended and participated in the ribbon cutting and grad opening for the Excel by 5 and MS State Resource Center in the Historic Courthouse in Canton.

Ms. Knight also met with Madison County Administrator, Mark Houston and Comptroller, Shelton Vance regarding the financing options and procedures for MCEDA for the new office. MCEDA will pursue traditional financing options for the new office construction. Ms. Knight also continues to work with the architects preparing for the building bid process.

Ms. Knight stated that she participated in the Madison County's Most Wanted Muscular Dystrophy Lock Up in an effort to raise funds and awareness about Muscular Dystrophy.

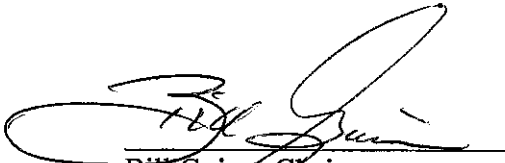
There was a motion by Mr. Williams and second by Mr. Harris to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address possible land sales and business locations and expansions. The motion passed unanimously. There was then a discussion of the need to go into Executive Session to consider the aforementioned, at the conclusion of which there was a motion by Mr. Hutchinson and a second by Mr. Williams to do so. This motion was adopted unanimously. Chairman Guion then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss possible land sales and business locations and expansions. Chairman Guion convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

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Mr. Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Harris there was a unanimous vote to adjourn Executive Session. And reconvene the open session. The following actions taken in Executive Session were then reported by the Chair:

There were no actions taken during Executive Session.

At 10:48, upon a motion made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned.



Bill Guion, Chairman

ATTEST:



Richard Hutchinson