

FINAL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2016, MEETING OF
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 21ST DAY OF APRIL, 2016,
AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

The meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 21ST day of April, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Lanny Slaughter, Sells Newman, Calvin Harris, Jim Smith, Dick Hutchinson, Dwight Luckett

Also present were Tony Greer, Taquana Mack, Danielle Winningham, and Attorney Andy Clark.

Guests: Jan Collins, Alvin Davis, Sheila Jones, Arnel Bolden, Addie Stover

At 8:37 a.m., Chairman Harris 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.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2016 MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2016 MCEDA Special Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Luckett made a motion to approve the financials as presented. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Harris introduced Mayor Arnel Bolden, Addie Stover, and Alvin Davis from the City of Canton. Mr. Harris removed himself from the room before the presentation. Alvin Davis, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Canton, presented a proposed park improvement plan to the MCEDA board that would help improve the current condition of the Canton parks. Addie Stover, Grant Administrator for the city, asked the MCEDA board to consider making a contribution to help in their efforts. Mr. Hutchinson made a motion to table the proposal until a later time. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was approved.

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F). She thanked everyone for attending the MCEDA & MCBL&F's Open House on March 29th and stated that photographs are in the photo albums on the table as well as online. On April 4th, MCBL&F presented the conference center proposal to the Board of Supervisors. She also stated that they hosted graduate students from the University of Southern Mississippi on April 6th.

The Excel by Five's celebration for becoming certified was held on April 9th and it was a success. Ms. Collins presented the board with copies of Dr. Darrin Webb's presentation on Economic Forecasting and also reminded the board of the Government Relations Committee breakfast on April 27TH.

The MCBL&F will be sponsoring the Madison County Law Enforcement Week on May 15 – 21, 2016.

Mr. Sells Newman made a motion for the MCEDA board to generate a resolution in support of Madison County Law Enforcement week. After a second by Mr. Hutchinson, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sells Newman made a motion to provide the City of Canton with a resolution of support with no funding to support the efforts of the park improvement plant and TIGER grant. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Tony Greer will report back to the board at the next meeting regarding securing a company to cut the grass at the MCEDA Industrial parks.

Mr. Hutchinson made a motion to approve the 2016 MCEDA Small Marketing Grant for Livingston Community Foundation. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith made a motion authorizing Tony Greer to sign all business documents regarding MCEDA. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Greer gave an update on the Bio-Medical Collaboratory and WIN Center and suggested possibly getting a commercial real estate person to manage the building in the near future. He will bring suggestions to the next board meeting.

Attorney Andy Clark provided a legal update stating that Hederman Brothers is looking to close on the 7-acres soon and everything is on track.

Mr. Hutchinson made a motion authorizing Attorney Andy Clark to seek the Attorney General's opinion regarding a credit card for MCEDA business and travel usage. After a second by Mr. Newman, the motion was unanimously approved.

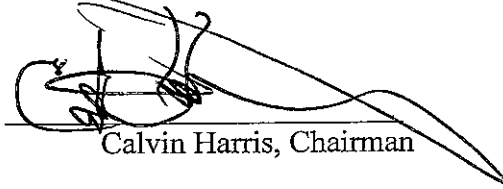
Mr. Greer has spoken to two executive search firms from Tupelo and Oxford and is still gathering more information. Attorney Andy Clark suggested forming a committee to assist. More information will be discussed at the next board meeting.

There was a motion by Mr. Hutchinson and second by Mr. Smith to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address economic development projects. 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. Smith to do so. This motion was adopted unanimously. Chairman Harris then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss economic development projects. Chairman Harris convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

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

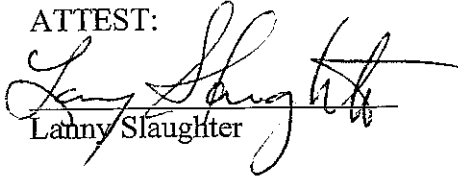
There was a motion by Mr. Hutchinson to adopt the resolution to hire Tim Coursey as an Independent Consultant for MCEDA. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

At 11:14 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Hutchinson, second by Mr. Smith and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.



Calvin Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:



Lanny Slaughter