

FINAL MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2015, MEETING OF  
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2015,  
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 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Lanny Slaughter, Baxter Strain, Bill Guion, Jim Smith, Calvin Harris

Also present were Tim Coursey, Taquana Mack, Danielle Winningham, and Attorney Andy Clark.

Guests: Jan Collins, Buster Bailey, Andrew Mattice

At 8:34 a.m., Chairman Hutchinson 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. Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. After a second by Mr. Strain, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Guion made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2015 MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Strain, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Slaughter 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. Strain and a second by Mr. Guion to do so. This motion was adopted unanimously. Chairman Hutchinson then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss economic development projects. Chairman Hutchinson convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

Mr. Harris made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, 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:

Mr. Smith made a motion that MCEDA draft and sign a resolution in support of the presented development in the Renaissance area. After a second by Mr. Guion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F). She presented a MCBL&F newsletter to the board and stated that the membership is up to 209. There was a Health & Awareness and Initiative 42 forum that were held over the last couple of weeks that Ms. Collins stated went well. The Business League and Foundation will host Coffee with the Congressman on September 3 at the Country Club of Jackson and Speaker Philip Gunn on September 30 at Ruth Chris in Ridgeland.

The Madison County Business League and Foundation will be presenting the Conference Center resolution to the Board of Supervisors in support of the center in partnership with Holmes Community College.

The Youth Leadership 2015-2016 class planning is underway.

Ms. Collins stated that there will be a MCBL&F board meeting held on today, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Coursey attended a meeting with the Canton Chamber who are exploring the idea of forming their own economic development organization to help them follow through with some redevelopment initiatives that are on the table.

Mr. Coursey stated that there have been two meetings with the Budget Committee consisting of Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Strain, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Guion. There was a budget draft that was presented to the board as well as the 2015-2016 worksheet. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the budget. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Livingston Community Foundation and the City of Canton were given a deadline of September 1<sup>st</sup> to re-submit the small marketing grant application with all corresponding items. There was discussion on the procedures and guidelines going forward with the marketing grant.

Mr. Coursey provided an update on the Bio-Medical Collaboratory build out. Everything is on schedule and the contractors should wrap up next week. The bathrooms are back up and running. ACS Xerox also will be renewing their lease at 152 Watford Pkwy Drive.

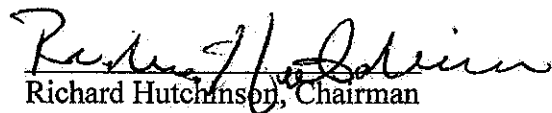
Attorney Clark presented that MCEDA is moving forward and awaiting closure on the land next to Levi and ABC.

Mr. Coursey provided that MCEDA donated some of its old desk furniture to E911.

Ms. Danielle Winingham provided an existing industry report and project spreadsheet. She will be traveling to Chicago for the Mississippi One Consultant's conference on September 9-11, 2015. She also is working with Edge Theory on MCEDA's social media outlets as well as hosted a FAM tour for the Greater Jackson Alliance on August 5, 2015.

Mr. Harris stepped out of the meeting and at that time Mr. Strain reviewed the MCEDA financials. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the financials as presented. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

At 10:57 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Slaughter, second by Mr. Harris and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Richard Hutchinson, Chairman

ATTEST:

