

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20, 2001, MEETING
OF THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 20TH OF DECEMBER, 2001, AT 8:30 A.M.,
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE
ROOM OF THE 1855 COURTHOUSE IN CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

The meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 20th day of December 8:30 a.m. in the 1855 Courthouse in the City of Canton, Mississippi.

Members Present: Sammy Brown, Steve Davenport, Chip Estes, Thomas Johnson, Billy Thames, John Wallace and Hite Wolcott. Also present were Jerry Acy, Bob Montgomery, John Bourgeois and Joy Foy.

Guest: Larry Johnson, Charles Williford and George Touart

Chairman Estes announced that the members who were present constituted a quorum and declared the meeting duly convened.

Dr. Thames made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2001, meeting as presented. After a second by Mr. Johnson, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 30, 2001, meeting as presented. After a second by Mr. Wallace, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Larry Johnson reported that the legislative luncheon, to be hosted by the Foundation, has been scheduled for January 14, 2002 at the University Club. The Foundation has approved partnering with MCEDA at a cost share of ½ the strategic plan cost. The committee to oversee the strategic plan from the Foundation will consist of Lloyd Spivey, Chuck Morris, Cecil Harper and Dan Grafton. The Estes Companies, Eddie Briggs and Mark S. Bounds were announced as new members for the Foundation. The Foundation is working with the Madison County Chamber's Council of Government committee in planning the lobbying trip to Washington. A lunch meeting will be arranged with the Madison County Board of Supervisors prior to the next Council of Government meeting, January 9, 2001 at 7:30 a.m. MCEDA and the Supervisors will outline issues to be presented to the federal legislators.

Mr. George Touart was recognized as the new county administrator. Mr. Touart announced that he is working toward posting the Supervisor's agenda a day prior to the meetings.

The financial reports attached to and made a part of these Minutes by reference were presented and reviewed. A list of the invoices is attached to the Minutes and labeled "Docket." Mr. Wallace made a motion to approve the December financial reports and payment of the monthly invoices. After a second by Mr. Brown, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Acy told of a meeting with representatives from counties to the east of Madison County seeking to form an alliance. The purpose of the alliance will be to promote improvements to 4-lane Highway 16 from Carthage at Highway 25 west into Canton. Mr. Johnson made a motion to authorize MCEDA to join the alliance and to support the inclusion of the Highway 16 project as part of the 21 Vision plan. Dr. Thames seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Wallace made a motion to fund ½ the cost of the Kolzow strategic plan up to \$32,000.00 and to name a steering committee to outline the specific plans. After a second by Mr. Johnson, the motion was unanimously approved. John Wallace, Thomas Johnson, Billy Thames and Chip Estes were appointed as the steering committee.

A letter from Waggoner Engineering summarized the findings surrounding the cracks in the foundation in the Nissan Training Facility. Waggoner's letter showed that the engineer findings mirrored Malouf's claims about the foundation of the facility. Upon Mr. Acy's recommendation, Mr. Davenport made a motion to pay the last Malouf pay request retaining \$100,000 for the cosmetic items remaining and to have Malouf agree to follow-up inspections of the foundation once final payment is made. The agreement should include Malouf's commitment to pay the cost of two inspections at 6 mos intervals. After a second by Mr. Johnson, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Acy reported that bank bids have been received for the permanent financing of the Nissan Training Facility. Trustmark's bid of 4.97% was low bid for 15 year amortization with 5 year call. Mr. Davenport made a motion to accept Trustmark's low bid. After a second by Mr.

Brown, the motion was unanimously approved.

At 10:15 a.m., the Board took a break.

At 10:25 a.m., Chairman Estes reconvened the meeting.

Mr. Acy explained that only one bid was received for the consolidation of the notes on the Martin property and Highway 22. The M&F Bank bid a 8.13% fixed rate for 15 years or 6.25% 15 year amortization with 3 year call. Mr. Johnson made a motion to reject the bid and rebid after the first of the year. After a second by Mr. Brown, the motion was unanimously approved.

A proposal for web site design from Paula Olhemyer was discussed. Mr. Acy noted that MCEDA has secured a grant from the state for up to \$6,000 in matching funds for the development of the site. Dr. Thames made a motion to approved the \$7,140 proposal from Paula, but to approve MCEDA spending up to \$6,000 if opportunities arise to fully utilize the matching grant. After a second by Mr. Wallace, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Acy said that the county sewer project is being monitored on a weekly basic and the grant application will be complete by the first week in January.

At 10:45, Mr. Johnson made a motion to enter closed session. After a second by Mr. Brown, the motion was unanimously approved. Whereupon, Chairman Estes recessed the general session and convened the closed session.

After discussion of matters, Mr. Johnson made a motion to return to open session. Dr. Thames seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted, whereupon, Chairman Estes reconvened the open session. The reasons stated for executive session were discussions regarding prospective land sales, land acquisitions and potential litigation.

For the stated reasons, Mr. Johnson made a motion to declare an executive session at 10:50 a.m. After a second by Mr. Davenport, the motion was unanimously approved. Whereupon, Chairman Estes closed the open meeting and convened an executive session.


The 16th Section land (35 acres) for M-Tek Inc was appraised at \$28,500 per acre. Mr. Jerry Mask appraised the property for the Madison County School Board. Recognizing that the M-Tek project plays a vital role in the \$4M CDBG, Mr. Brown made a motion to secure a second appraisal on the property. After a second from Mr. Johnson, the motion was unanimously approved.

Hydro is officially closing the Canton plant 12/31/01. MCEDA will market the facility as an available site. Under the lease agreement, MCEDA has the right to terminate the lease, but HYDRO cannot break the lease.

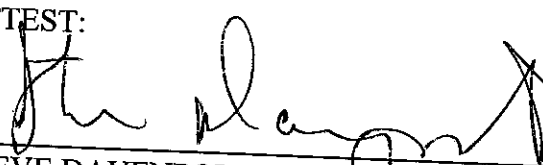
The Williford, Gearhart and Knight proposal for a study of the impact of a lake in the north end of the county was deferred until January.

At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn executive session. With a second from Dr. Thames and with all voting "aye" the executive session was adjourned and the general session reconvened.

After a motion made, duly seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was recessed until noon, January 7, 2002, at which time the Board will meet with the Board of Supervisors. Together the two Boards will work to outline and agree upon the major Madison County issues and/or concerns to be presented to the legislators.


BRYAN "CHIP" ESTES, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


STEVE DAVENPORT, SECRETARY-TREASURER