## FINAL MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2017,

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Doug Jones, Lanny Slaughter, Sells Newman, Calvin Harris, Ed Gardner, Jim

Smith

Also present were Ken Oilschlager, Taquana Mack, Danielle Winningham, and

Attorney Andy Clark

Guests: Gray Swoope, Sheila Jones

At 8:36 a.m., Chairman Slaughter announced that the members present constituted a quorum, declared the meeting duly convened and directed that the notice for the meeting be filed with the minutes.

Mr. Oilschlager asked that the agenda be amended to move the Executive Session to the end. Mr. Harris made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Oilschlager discussed the implementation of the visioning assessment and an extension of the VisionFirst contract. Mr. Swoope updated the board on a 60-day implementation plan. Mr. Newman made a motion to hire VisionFirst for the second part of the visioning assessment implementation plan. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved. A copy of the Agreement with VisionFirst is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Jones made a motion that the MCEDA Board be the Executive Director's Search Committee and that the Board meet with the Executive Committee of the MCBL&F board in a facilitated discussion on the strategic initiatives of the assessment. This would be a board to board meeting. After a second by Mr. Newman, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Smith, and a second by Mr. Jones, to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to discuss the confidential expansion of a business or industry (Project CK1) in Madison County. 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. Smith and a second by Mr. Harris to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted. Chairman Slaughter then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss the confidential expansion of a business or industry (Project CK1) in Madison County. Chairman Slaughter convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

Mr. Harris 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 were taken in Executive Session were then reported by the Chair:

Mr. Harris made a motion authorizing Mr. Ken Oilschlager, at the appropriate time, to approach the Board of Supervisors for funding in an amount to be a minimum of ten percent (10%) if the State's (MDA's) incentive participation for Project CK1, with the understanding that, because CK1 is to lease a facility, any such funds may only be expended on public infrastructure items regarding or relating to

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the project. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was approved. Mr. Ed Gardner excused himself from the room, was not present for discussion, and did not vote.

At 10:30 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Newman, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

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	Lanny Slaughter, Chairman	
ATTEST:		
Sells Newman, Secretary/Treasurer		