

FINAL MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2018, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF  
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2018,  
AT 8:30 A.M.  
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM  
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,  
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

The regular meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 11<sup>TH</sup> day of January 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

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

Staff: Joseph Deason, Attorney Arthur Jernigan, Taquana Mack, Danielle Winningham, Lauren Scheel

Guests: Jan Collins, Attorney Chris Pace, Phil Buffington, Mary Hawkins Butler, Steve Vasillio

At 8:33 a.m., Chairman Lockett 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. Sells Newman opened the meeting with a prayer. Chairman Lockett acknowledged Mr. Lanny Slaughter for an outstanding job as chairman of the MCEDA board for 2017.

Chairman Lockett stated that there would be an amendment to the agenda reflecting the Guest Presentation be moved to Executive Session and Item #9 be moved under Item #7. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adopt the agenda with changes. After a second by Mr. Newman, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017, MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason updated the board members on the monthly millage deposits and the proceeds from the sale of the Film Studio.

Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the financial report. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation and upcoming dates and events. The League and Legislature will be held at the Old Capitol Inn on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Collins stated that they are currently working on the events for the spring.

There was a motion by Mr. Newman and a second by Mr. Lockett to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address legal matters with Project Phoenix, Parkway East, Film Studio, Think Anew, the MCEDA EPA and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. The motion passed unanimously. There was then discussion of the need to go into Executive Session to consider the aforementioned, at the conclusion of which there was a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Newman 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 legal matters with Project Phoenix, Parkway East, Film Studio, Think Anew, the MCEDA EPA, and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. 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 and were then reported by the Chair:

No Action Was Taken

Secret ballots were marked to elect the 2018 Secretary/Treasurer. In keeping with the By-Laws, Vice-Chairman Lockett moved into the Chairman position, and Secretary/Treasurer Sells Newman moved into the Vice-Chairman position. After tallying of the votes by Attorney Jernigan, Mr. Ed Gardner was announced as winning the election with a unanimous vote and was named 2018 Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Slaughter passed the chairman responsibilities to the new Chairman, Mr. Dwight Lockett.

Mr. Deason updated the board on the sale of the MCEDA Nissan Armada. An ad is currently being placed in the paper and posted for bids.

Mr. Deason stated that MCEDA is moving forward with existing industry outreaches. There was discussion of a Nissan tour for the MCEDA board and the Board of Supervisors.

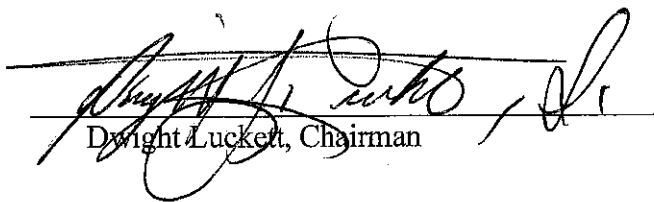
Mr. Deason stated that Raborn Media has been brought on board to revamp the MCEDA website and social media platforms. The internet services at the MCEDA office have been upgraded as well as Microsoft software that will assist in keeping . Sound and Communications will install the new television in the board room soon.

Mr. Deason spoke with the MS Development Authority regarding the ACE Grant for the Bio-Medical Collaboratory and they are entertaining negotiations.

Mr. Newman suggested that the TIF Guideline discussion be tabled until the next board meeting.

The board members were also provided a copy of the Site Selector's Guild information in the board books.

At 10:43 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Gardner and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Dwight Lockett, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Ed Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer