

FINAL MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2016, MEETING OF
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 14th DAY OF JANUARY, 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 14th day of January, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Calvin Harris, Dick Hutchinson, Lanny Slaughter, Jim Smith, and Bob Williams

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

Guests: Jan Collins

At 8:36 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. Harris made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Williams, the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Hutchinson requested that Mr. Slaughter review the financials for approval. Mr. Slaughter reviewed the MCEDA financials and stated that all was well. Mr. Calvin Harris recused himself from the vote and left the room. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the financials as presented. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F). She reminded the board of the annual League and Legislature that will be held on February 24, 2016 at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson.

The 2015 Government Relations Committee Legislative breakfast held on December 16th at Butler Snow was very productive. Ms. Collins stated that MCBL&F formed a permanent transportation committee and is confident that it has strong leadership. She suggested an idea of flying the drone to get pictures to show the traffic problems at Reunion Interchange.

Ms. Collins was interested to know how to proceed in moving forward with the conference center and including the newly elected board of supervisors. She also stated that the MCBL&F's newsletter will be coming out soon.

She concluded her update with a reminder of the next Youth Leadership day on January 20th.

The time has come for the MCEDA Board to vote to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position for the new year. Chairman Hutchinson called for the election of a Secretary/Treasurer. The current Secretary/Treasurer moves to the position of Vice Chairman at the January board meeting of each year and as such, the Secretary/Treasurer moves to the position of Vice Chairman, and Vice Chairman moves to the position of Chairman. Chairman Hutchinson called for the election of a Secretary/Treasurer. Through the voting process, Mr. Jim Smith was elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

Merit Health Madison hospital will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for their new medical office building on January 14th at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Coursey invited the board members.

Mr. Coursey stated that the board has already approved the construction plans for Monsanto in Flora but they have been revised and need approving. Mr. Williams made a motion authorizing Mr. Coursey to review and approve the construction plans. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously passed.

Attorney Andy Clark and Mr. Coursey have been discussing the best time to seek renewal of the project bond preclearance from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Coursey provided an update on the Bio-Medical Collaboratory. Hope Home Orthotics will need more space as well as Mr. Coursey is working out the last details to build out the flex space in the rear of the building for Brad McMullin. The HVAC for the hangar area has been tested and functions well and there have been new security cameras installed and brought on line. The Collaboratory logo has also been finalized. Mr. Coursey stated that signage is being worked on for the building and offices at the Collaboratory. He provided a list to the board members with the updates and activities of the facility that will take place in the next couple of weeks.

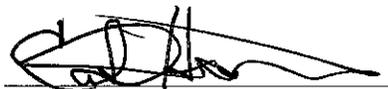
There were no new updates from legal counsel.

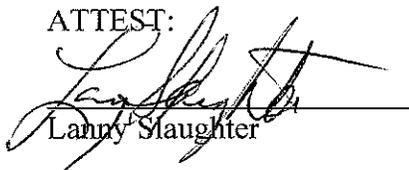
Mr. Coursey mentioned that he would be meeting with David Bishop, one of the new Madison County Board of Supervisors, on Friday, January 15th.

Mr. Coursey will be traveling to the IEDC Leadership Summit for continuing education on January 24-26 in New Orleans.

Ms. Winningham provided an existing industry report and a project spreadsheet with updates was provided to the board in their books. Ms. Winningham has mailed, as a courtesy, the ad valorem tax exemption policy to Madison County industries. She will be attending the Governor's Job Fair in Canton on January 21st at the National Guard Armory from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. She will also be attending the MEDC Winter Conference on February 4-5, 2016 at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson.

At 10:18 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Harris and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.


Calvin Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:

Larry Slaughter