

FINAL MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2015, MEETING OF
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2015,
AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 625 HIGHLAND COLONY PARKWAY,
RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

The meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 19th day of March 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 625 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS.

Members Present: Dick Hutchinson, Calvin Harris, Lanny Slaughter, Jim Smith, Bill Guion

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

Guests: Jan Collins

At 8:35 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. Slaughter made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 MCEDA board meeting. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Harris made a motion that the financial report be accepted as presented. After a second by Mr. Slaughter the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Harris noticed a typo in the preliminary minutes.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to amend the preliminary minutes from February 12, 2015 to correct an error from a clerical typo. After a second by Mr. Guion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation. She stated that the League and Legislature that was held on February 25, 2015 was attended by 350 people and Rep. Rita Martinson felt extremely honored. The Youth Leadership Government day was held at the same time and the youth were able to meet the Governor and Lieutenant Governor as reported by Ms. Collins.

Ms. Collins stated that there have been stellar reviews from the survey that was given for Youth Leadership. The program has been successful and the committee is considering adding more days or maybe offering a potential scholarship in the future.

Ms. Collins mentioned the Education Committee would have a meeting on April 15. In addition, Ms. Collins stated that the Country Club has been reserved for May 12th for a tentative spring forum but details will be forthcoming. The Law Enforcement Appreciation Awareness campaign will take place the week of May 11-15 and Ms. Collins stated that they are asking churches,

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schools, and the community to participate. It will be in conjunction with National Law Enforcement Month.

Mr. Hutchinson suggested MCBL&F speak with those in the film industry and others to brainstorm ideas around the film industry and how MCBL&F could assist with workforce training in this area.

Mr. Harris made a motion to reschedule the April MCEDA board meeting to April 16th. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coursey stated that Janet Parker, the marketing consultant for MCEDA, has provided a logo for the Madison Megasite and is moving forward with her tasks and duties on schedule.

Mr. Coursey mentioned that Danielle Wunningham had secured a \$5000 grant from Entergy on the new Madison Megasite sign and that Taquana Mack has received the \$3000 check from the insurance to replace the sign from the car accident back in December 2014.

Mr. Coursey informed the board of Ross Tucker's departure from the Greater Jackson Alliance. There has not been a replacement for Mr. Tucker as of yet.

The construction of the new MCEDA office is still on schedule. The expected completion date is April 27, 2015.

Mr. Coursey stated that the Bio-Medical Collaboratory updates are going well. There has been some re-wiring done in the building as well as the Think Anew space is receiving finishing touches. Mr. Coursey is still actively recruiting businesses for the Collaboratory space and will be meeting with USM's group next week.

Attorney Clark provided that all legal items have been covered.

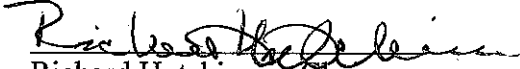
Mrs. Danielle Wunningham provided a project spreadsheet and stated that there are a lot of projects that are in the works right now and more automotive suppliers are inquiring about land. She stated that she met with representatives from MDA's EIB division regarding existing industries as well as attended an existing industry committee meeting on March 18th. The MCEDA Industry Appreciation Event has tentatively been scheduled for May 7 at 4:00 p.m. at the Madison Mega Site Pavilion.

There was a motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Guion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address possible land sales. 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. Harris and a second by Mr. Slaughter 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 possible land sales. Chairman Hutchinson convened an Executive Session for this purpose.


Mr. Guion made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Harris there was a unanimous vote to adjourn Executive Session. And reconvene the open session. The following actions taken in Executive Session were then reported by the Chair:

There was no action taken.

At 10:14 am, upon a motion made by Mr. Guion, second by Mr. Harris and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned.


Richard Hutchinson, Chairman

ATTEST:


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