

FINAL MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015, MEETING OF  
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 12, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Dick Hutchinson, Lanny Slaughter, Sells Newman, Calvin Harris, Bob Williams, Jim Smith, and Dwight Lockett

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

Guests: Jan Collins, Sheila Jones

At 8:34 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. Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 MCEDA Board meeting and the special board meeting on October 19, 2015. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Harris reviewed the MCEDA financials and stated that all was well. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the financials as presented. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coursey introduced and welcomed new At-Large MCEDA board members, Sells Newman and Dwight Lockett, to the board. There were then introductions by the other board members and Chairman Hutchinson welcomed them both on behalf of the entire board.

According to MCEDA's bylaws, Calvin Harris will move into the Vice-Chairman position replacing Mr. Baxter Strain. Mr. Smith made a motion to nominate Mr. Lanny Slaughter as the new MCEDA Board Secretary/Treasurer. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F). The annual Vision Celebration will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club of Jackson. There will be a VIP Reception beforehand beginning at 11 a.m. There are 400 guests set to attend and she asked for support from the MCEDA board.

Ms. Collins also provided that the Youth Leadership was a success on October 28<sup>th</sup> and she commended the committee on a great job. The next Youth Leadership day will be January 20<sup>th</sup> and will be Quality of Life day.

There also will be a Legislative Breakfast on December 16<sup>th</sup> at Butler Snow beginning at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Collins stated that the MCBL&F and MCEDA will be hosting a Christmas luncheon on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and photographer, Darryl Stegall, will be taking photos of the Board of

Directors and staff. She stated that MCBL&F is also planning an open house for the new MCEDA office for early January.

Ms. Collins concluded her report by stating that MCBL&F's membership is at 217.

Mr. Coursey informed the board that MCEDA submitted a request to the Board of Supervisors asking for  $\frac{1}{4}$  (\$160,000.00) of the total general fund allocation that was approved for MCEDA as part of the budget.

Attorney Andy Clark has communicated with Mr. Glidewell with ThinkAnew regarding releasing him from his lease at the Bio-Medical Collaboratory. Mr. Slaughter suggested that the Executive Committee of the MCEDA board meet with Attorney Clark and report back to the board with a recommendation.

Mr. Coursey displayed the John Rucker award that MCEDA received for Community Innovation for the MS Bio-Medical Collaboratory by Innovate Mississippi.

Mr. Coursey provided an update on the Collaboratory stating that Phase II of the renovation has begun which will include painting the front of the building and landscape improvements as well as other upgrades. Global Training Institute is hosting a four-day flight nurse paramedic training boot camp for the Pafford Ambulance Company at the Collaboratory on this week and Mr. Coursey invited the board to stop by and take a look at the helicopter training.

Mr. Coursey stated that MedSouth is interested in renting a small office at the Collaboratory. He recommended a monthly lease amount of \$400. Mr. Williams made a motion authorizing Mr. Coursey and Attorney Clark to draft a lease for MedSouth. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

MCEDA closed on the ABC property and received and deposited money for it.

The new MCEDA logo signs for the office have been installed in the reception area and outside of the office. The contractors also replaced a portion of the the courtyard patio as well as an area out back that had multiple cracks. The gas meters are now installed and there is a new French drain in the front for the flower beds.

Mr. Coursey stated that MCEDA has been provided with a proposal to help with the development and/or construction of the Reunion Interchange project.

Mr. Coursey spoke with Supervisors Gerald Steen and John Bell Crosby regarding the Conference Center. They suggested MCEDA be placed on the agenda at the next Board of Supervisor's meeting for discussion and to get the project back on track and to include the new Supervisors.

Mr. Coursey stated that Rick Moore and the Film Studio are moving forward with constructing the new brick columns in the front.

There were no legal updates.

Ms. Danielle Winningham provided an existing industry report and project spreadsheet with updates that were provided to the board in their books. She informed the board that Exel, one of the Nissan suppliers, will be changing its name to DHL Supply Chain and she has spoken to several businesses

in the existing industry and they could benefit from workforce training, connection with suppliers, and expansion possibilities.

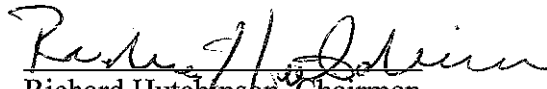
Mr. Coursey provided an administrative report for review.

There was a motion by Mr. Harris and second by Mr. Williams to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address economic development projects. 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. Williams and a second by Mr. Harris 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 economic development projects. Chairman Hutchinson convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Williams, there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the 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 10:48 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Newman and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Richard Hutchinson, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Calvin Harris

