

FINAL MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2011, MEETING OF  
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011,  
AT 8:30 A.M.  
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM  
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 623 HIGHLAND COLONY PARKWAY,  
RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

The meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 623 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS.

Members Present: Calvin Harris, Lanny Slaughter, Dick Hutchinson, Jack Harrington  
Bill Guion and Bob Williams

Also present were Tim Coursey, Mitch Stringer, NaToya Hill, and  
Attorney Andy Clark.

Guests: Jan Collins

At 8:37 a.m., Chairman Harris 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. Hutchinson, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2011 MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Hutchinson the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Harrington proposed that the minutes from page 5 be edited; all approved.

Mr. Harris stated that there would be no financial report while Mrs. Knight is out. There were no guest presentations.

Mr. Coursey wants to change the covenant regarding the masonry requirement. He will reword with Attorney Andy Clark and have it for next month's meeting.

Mr. Coursey stated that the state now owns the Parkway East land, formerly owned by Landspan. Mr. Harrington and Mr. Coursey will meet with Mr. Arthur Johnston and Mr. Eric Hamer to discuss gaining control of this property.

Mr. Coursey stated that MCEDA has a general liability insurance policy. Mrs. Knight has a copy of the policy. Mr. Coursey will confirm that the level of coverage is at least \$1million dollars.

Mr. Coursey stated that the City of Flora has turned in their marketing grant application. Just as the previous years, they are requesting \$2500. MCEDA will write a check after the budget has been approved. Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve the Flora grant pending the budget approval. After a second by Mr. Hutchinson the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coursey stated that the WIN Job Center lost a tenant approximately 2 years ago. At the time, they requested a rent reduction. The lease is now up for renewal and they still want to lease for the same price. Mr. Coursey is waiting to hear back from them.

Mr. Coursey proposed that MCEDA ask the Board of Supervisors if they would like to go to on the Washington trip. It is best to get a list of what to discuss before going. Mr. Coursey will call the Supervisors today.

Mr. Coursey advised to refer to his Executive summary for details regarding the Foreign Trade Zone. Mr. Stringer is working alongside Mr. Coursey on a data package to apply for the Foreign Trade Zone status for the CMIC in Gluckstadt.

Ms. Collins provided a report for the Madison County Business League. Ms. Collins announced that she has pictures from the Coffee with the Congressman event. There are also pictures and an editorial on Congressman Harper in the Clarion Ledger. MCBL sponsored an ad congratulating Mr. Mike Kent. Ms. Collins thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication to her events. She also reminded everyone that she wants to have a luncheon for the supervisors after the election. Ms. Collins also stated that she and members of the five chambers wanted to spear head an event saluting the artists in Madison County. There are more details to come.

Mr. Coursey presented the budget proposal. He will add the CMU Project to the budget. The total CMU amount is \$250,000 and it is to be paid over 3 years. This is approximately \$83,333/year. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the budget. After a second by Mr. Harrington the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Harris led the discussion about the MCEDA office. Mr. Williams asked should MCEDA own a building, or is it cheaper to rent space? No decision will be made until MCEDA sells the land in Gluckstadt and the Canton Wal-Mart land.

Mr. Coursey announced that the MDOT right of way acquisition has been appraised; MCEDA is now waiting for an offer to purchase the property.

Mr. Coursey stated that CarMax has offered to buy the truck for \$13,000 dollars. Mr. Williams made a motion to sell the truck to CarMax. After a second by Mr. Hutchinson, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coursey asked if everyone was in support of supporting the Livingston project. Everyone was in support.

Mr. Williams stated that the Health and Wellness Committee will meet on the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Attorney Andy Clark provided an update for the legal counsel. Mr. Clark stated that he has been working on the Livingston project and the MCCFC information.

Mr. Coursey reported that his travel request includes attending an IEDC event in Charlotte and a GJA event in Atlanta which Mitch will also be attending.

Mr. Stringer provided an Existing Industry report. Mr. Stringer met with Gerald Barber and BCI to discuss next year's tax exemption for their current project. He also stated that United Healthcare in Ridgeland has expanded. Mr. Stringer went to Dallas with the Greater Jackson Alliance to meet with Site Location Consultants. He stated that he would be visiting with Nissan and MDA this afternoon to discuss their upcoming expansion. Mr. Stringer also mentioned that he spoke with Senator-elect Will Longwitz who is willing to work with MCEDA on our needs as they apply to the legislature. Mr. Stringer coordinated with Mayor Childress and Senator Cochran's office to assist with their efforts to receive the cities money for an EPA Grant.

During the Executive Session Mr. Harris proposed some measures to improve MCEDA owned property. Mr. Williams recommended forming a committee. Mr. Williams recommended Mr. Harrington to lead the committee. Mr. Slaughter and Mr. Harris also agree to be on the committee.

At 10:53 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Hutchinson and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

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Calvin Harris, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lanny Slaughter, Secretary-Treasurer