

FINAL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2013, MEETING OF
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 11th DAY OF APRIL, 2013,
AT 7:30 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 11th day of April, 2013, at 7:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 623 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS.

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

Also present were Tim Coursey, Lenita Knight,
and Attorney Andy Clark and Paige Herring.

Guests: Jan Collins

At 7:34 a.m., Chairman Slaughter 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. Guion, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Guion made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 21, 2013 and March 25, 2013 Special MCEDA Board meetings. After a second by Mr. Strain the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Williams and second by Mr. Hutchinson 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. Guion and a second by Mr. Harris to do so. This motion was adopted unanimously. Chairman Slaughter then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss possible land sales. Chairman Slaughter convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Harris, 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 were no actions voted on during Executive Session.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. After a second by Mr. Hutchinson the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update from the Madison County Business League. Ms. Collins reported that the MC Youth Leadership Day was a great success. Ms. Collins stated that the committee will visit each of the schools to present medals during the end of the year awards ceremonies of each of the schools.

Ms. Collins reported that Representative John Moore will present to the MCEDA/ MCBL Joint Education Committee on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 11:30 at Holmes Community College.

Ms. Collins also reported that the MCBL Board and membership have agreed, by petition, to increase the voting members of the MCBL from 11 to 15. The MCBL Bi-laws are currently being updated to reflect this change. The MCEDA Board added as a reminder that the MCBL that the MCBL Bi-laws cannot be changed without the approval of the MCEDA Board. This suggested increase in voting membership will require one additional MCEDA Board member to serve on the MCBL Board. Mr. Bob Williams volunteered to serve on the MCBL Board.

Mr. Coursey reported that the MCEDA website will be submitted for competition consideration to the IEDC awards panel.

Mr. Coursey provided an update on the MCEDA new office location discussion. Mr. Coursey suggested that the MCEDA Board might consider the MCEDA owned Parkway East property as a potential site for a new MCEDA office. It was the sense of the MCEDA Board that other options be explored. The Board requested that Mr. Coursey provide a list of 6 options for consideration to be presented at the next MCEDA Board meeting. The MCEDA Board would like to review the options and then vote on the best location. The MCEDA Building Committee will be available to Mr. Coursey as needed.

Mr. Coursey provided an update on the Panther Creek Mega Site. The qualification announcement was held on April 10, 2013. This event was a tremendous success. Mr. Guion added that MCEDA received praise for Mr. John Turner with Entergy and Mrs. Walker, property owner, for a job well done.

Mr. Coursey reported that the local and private legislation to increase the bonding capacity to \$100,000,000.00 was passed and then sent to the Governor. Mr. Coursey stated that the amount approved may not be enough to complete the projects currently before MCEDA. Mr. Coursey added that Butler Snow was instrumental in the successful passage of this bill.

Mr. Coursey provided an update on the Madison County Strategic Plan initiative. Mr. Coursey stated that sub committees have met and upcoming meeting dates have been set and will be communicated.

Mr. Coursey reported that MCEDA is currently awaiting a response from the local and national USDA offices as it relates to the USDA loan appeal. Mr. Coursey added that once Attorney Clark receives those correspondences from USDA he will review and provide an appropriate response for MCEDA.

Mr. Coursey reported that work will resume and continue on the potential incubator.

Mr. Coursey reported that he received a letter from the Madison County Board of Supervisors requesting representation from MCEDA to serve on the Parkway East PID Board. The BOS would like for Mr. Coursey to be the representative. It is the sense of the MCEDA Board that Mr. Coursey look at his scope of work, duties and obligations for MCEDA and determine if this PID Board assignment would interfere with his MCEDA obligations. Additionally, the MCEDA Board would like to determine whether or not this assignment would be a conflict of interest. Attorney Clark will review and provided a legal opinion.

Ms. Winningham was attending the Madison County Zoning meeting. Mr. Coursey referred the MCEDA Board to the pre meeting report for a full Existing Industry update.

Ms. Knight reported that the Canton Chamber Main Street will host a Mayoral Debate for all of the candidates for the race for Canton Mayor. The debate will be held on Monday April, 29, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Canton Multipurpose Building.

Ms. Knight reported that the next Madison County Human Resource meeting has been scheduled for April. Ms. Katie Course with the MS Department of Labor will be the presenter for the group.

Ms. Knight also reported that graduation for the 2012-2013 Leadership Madison County Class is scheduled for May. This event will also serve as a mixer for the purpose of inviting alumni to the program as well as inviting leaders interested in participating in the LMC program. Ms. Knight also reported that the Madison County Youth Leadership day was a tremendous success. There were 23 participants for the day.

Ms. Knight reported that there have been a total of 4 Ad Valorem exemption applications that have been properly filed and forwarded to MCEDA through the Madison County Chancery Clerk and Tax Assessor's offices. MCEDA is currently in the process of working with these offices regarding these exemption requests as well as 2 Freeport request.

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There were no actions voted on during Executive Session.

At 9:12 am, upon a motion made by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Harris and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

Lanny Slaughter, Chairman

ATTEST:

Richard Hutchinson, Secretary-Treasurer