

FINAL MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2013, MEETING OF  
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013,  
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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA office at 623 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland, MS.

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

Also present were Tim Coursey, Lenita Knight, Danielle Winningham and  
Attorney Andy Clark.

Guests: Ron Guerieri, Tim Johnson, Rudy Warnock, Jan Collins

At 8:32 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. Harris made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. After a second by Mr. Guion the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Strain made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2013 MCEDA Board meeting and the January 18, 2013 MCEDA Special Board meeting as presented. After a second by Mr. Harris the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Harrington made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential land sales. After a second by Mr. Harris the motion was unanimously approved. 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. Hutchinson 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 land sales. Chairman Slaughter convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

Mr. Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Guion, 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:

Mr. Harrington made a motion to approve funds up to \$8,000.00 for the preplanning studies or surveys for the development of property in Canton near the Wal-Mart development. After a second by Mr. Guion the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Harrington made a motion to engage Warnock and Associates to develop a proposal and proposed contract for feasibility and site selection study to include terms, scheduling, and pricing for proposed Madison County Airport. After a second by Mr. Strain and a recusal from Mr. Harris, the motion was approved.

Mr. Coursey reported that the Madison County Board of Supervisors would like to amend the previous agreed upon memorandum of understanding for the east Canton water and sewer project. The BOS would like to divide the agreed \$250,000.00 cost into three payments of approximately \$83,000.00. Attorney Clark will draft a new MOU to reflect the changes.

Mr. Coursey stated that he has been asked to serve on the Parkway East PID Board. It is the sense of the MCEDA Board to delay making that commitment until further information is gathered regarding the assignment.

Mr. Coursey reported that Crown Enterprises is currently in violation of the industrial park covenants, having not paved the parking lots and drive ways. This is currently causing dust issues with the other businesses in the Industrial Park. Mr. Coursey has contacted Nissan regarding this issue and stated that he would like to further send a letter to Crown Enterprises requesting a plan for correction within the next 30 days. Attorney Clark will draft a letter to Crown Enterprises, Inc.

Mr. Coursey suggested that the MCEDA Board might consider moving the monthly meeting time to accommodate the schedules of the Board members. Mr. Harrington made a motion that the monthly MCEDA Board meetings will be scheduled for 7:30 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. After a second by Mr. Harris the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coursey reported that work and research continues on the Bio-Medical Collaboration Center. Mr. Coursey recently traveled to Austin, TX, where he was enlightened on the collaboration center process. Mr. Coursey stated that he has requested a meeting with the Governor to further discuss the collaboration center.

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Mr. Harris made a motion to approve Attorney Mike Espy as council on MCEDA's behalf for confidential bonds as requested by the Madison County Board of Supervisors. After a second by Mr. Harrington, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Winningham stated that the Mega site is close to being shovel ready. The site will be called Panther Creek Commerce Center. Ms. Winningham stated that marketing signs will be placed near the site entrance and additional signs will be located on the property. Additionally, a sign that includes a map of the property will be erected on the property as well.

Mr. Coursey stated that further conversations regarding the Livingston/ MCCF loan have been scheduled. The purpose of the conversation is to ask that the loan application be reconsidered as opposed to an appeal.

Mr. Coursey also reported that the transformation team for the Madison County Strategic Plan met recently and decided to take the next step and organize the subcommittees and allow each subcommittee to designate a chairperson.

Ms. Winningham provided a brief overview of the newly launched MCEDA website. The website is live and updated frequently. The website has an interactive map link that is extremely useful.

Ms. Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League. Ms. Collins stated that the League and Legislative event has been scheduled for February 20, 2013. Ms. Collins stated that Lt. Governor Tate Reeves will be the speaker for the event and the Nissan Gospel choir will open with the Star Spangled Banner.

Ms. Collins also reported that there are 24 students participating in the Youth Leadership Day this year.

Mr. Harrington made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. After a second by Mr. Harris the motion was unanimously approved. 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. Hutchinson 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 personnel. Chairman Slaughter convened an Executive Session for this purpose.

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Mr. Hutchinson made motion to approve a 5% salary increase for Lenita Knight and a 12% salary increase for Danielle Winningham, effective January 1, 2013. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

At 12:10, upon a motion made by Mr. Guion, seconded by Mr. Harris and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

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Lanny Slaughter, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Richard Hutchinson, Secretary-Treasurer