

FINAL MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2013, SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 18<sup>H</sup> DAY OF JULY, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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.

Guests: Rudy Warnock, Lon Burt and Jan Collins

At 7:40 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. Strain made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Hutchinson and second by Mr. Williams 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. Strain and a second by Mr. Harrington 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. 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. Williams made a motion to authorize the purchase of 2 acres of property located near Nissan Parkway at a cost of no more than \$4.50 per square foot from Partridge Madison Inc. with a \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 per year option on 2 adjacent acres, allowing the

MCEDA Executive Director the authority to sign all documents related to the closing on this property. After a second by Mr. Hutchinson, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Williams made a motion to authorize a wetland delineation completion on the MCEDA owned Parkway East property at a cost of no more than \$5,000.00 and to engage Warnock and Associates to complete a site plan at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00. After a second by Mr. Strain the motion passed with one recusal.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 13, 2013 MCEDA Board meeting and the June 21 and July 3, 2013 Special MCEDA Board meetings. After a second by Mr. Harris the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Ms. Jan Collins provided an update for the Madison County Business League. Ms. Collins stated that the Summer Celebration honoring Dan Bednardzyk of Nissan was a great success. Ms. Collins also reported that new committee chairs have been appointed for each of the MCEDA/MCBL Joint Committees. Ms. Collins stated that plans are underway for a Breakfast meeting in November for the Mississippi Legislature delegation.

Ms. Collins reported that the MCBL has received a letter requesting funds for the cost of the website for the Madison County Strategic plan. It is the sense of the MCEDA and MCBL boards that contributions from either of these boards towards the cost of the website will be contingent on the receipt and implementation of an actual budget for the Madison County Strategic Plan.

Mr. Coursey reported that MCEDA has subscribed to a social media marketing campaign management service provider called Leadify. This is a local company. Mr. Coursey reported that Leadify will give MCEDA a great marketing presence from the social media aspect. Mr. Coursey stated that this also furthers our progress with the Madison County Strategic Plan.

Mr. Harris made a motion that effective September 2013, the monthly MCEDA Board meeting will be conducted at 8:30 am, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. After a second by Mr. Williams the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coursey reported that the Budget committee and staff have met and a preliminary budget has been compiled. Mr. Coursey presented the preliminary MCEDA budget for 2013-2014 as approved by the MCEDA Budget committee.

Mr. Coursey reported that he met with JoAnn Gordon regarding the MS Film Studios at Canton. Mr. Coursey stated that Ms. Gordon has received a request from the state to manage the Canton Film studio. Mr. Coursey stated that Attorney Clark is reviewing this request and the possibilities associated with it. Mr. Coursey also stated that Ms. Gordon has inquired as to whether or not MCEDA would consider financing construction cost associated with an expansion.

Attorney Andy Clark provided an update from legal counsel. Attorney Clark stated that in addition to issues already covered the Executive Director; legal counsel has continued to work with Terra Properties regarding the selling of property.

Ms. Wunningham provided an Existing Industry update. Ms. Wunningham stated that she met with MDA representative and a potential new company regarding possible location. Ms. Wunningham also provided an update on the status of confidential potential projects. Among these, Ms. Wunningham reported the location of a project in Ridgeland. This is a fire arms manufacturer which will employ 5 employees at this time.

Ms. Wunningham also reported that plans continue for the Industry Appreciation Event on August 22 at the Panther Creek location. Ms. Wunningham also stated that she has visited with CatHead Vodka regarding possible relocation. Ms. Wunningham stated that MCEDA partnered with the Business League on the Summer Celebration. Ms. Wunningham has also utilized the MCEDA sponsorship of the Sanderson Farm Championship distributing tickets to the existing industry in Madison County. Ms. Wunningham also attended the MAMA meeting.

Ms. Wunningham reported that the MCEDA Washington booklet was submitted to IEDC for competition in the Excellence in Economic Development Awards Competition. The booklet has received the Gold Award.

Ms. Knight provided a Community Development report. Ms. Knight reported that she attended the Madison County Board of Supervisors meeting representing MCEDA for the Ad Valorem approvals. All requests were approved as voted by MCEDA. Ms. Knight also met with MC Comptroller Shelton Vance regarding the MCEDA accounts and potential reporting.

Ms. Knight reported that the Youth Leadership Committee has begun the planning process and guideline implantation by way of committee. Ms. Knight has also continued participating with the Canton Chamber Main Street, Madison County Chamber, Excel by 5, Existing Industry Committee, and Madison County Creative Council. Ms. Knight also hosted the monthly Madison County Human resources meeting.

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At 10:30 am, upon a motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Guion and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

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Lanny Slaughter, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Richard Hutchinson, Secretary-Treasurer