

FINAL MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2018, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018, AT 8:30 A.M.
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY, CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

The regular meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority was conducted on the 8TH day of November 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Doug Jones, Lanny Slaughter, Dwight Luckett, Calvin Harris, Ed Gardner, Tracy Bailey, Gerard Gibert

Staff: Joseph Deason, Attorney Matthew Vanderloo, Danielle Winningham, Lauren Scheel

Guests: Serena Tolar, Lisa Williams

At 8:40 a.m., Chairman Luckett announced that the members present constituted a quorum, declared the meeting duly convened and directed that the notice for the meeting be filed with the minutes.

Mr. Bailey opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason introduced newly appointed MCEDA board members Tracy Bailey and Gerard Gibert.

Mr. Harris noted that there was an error in the minutes and asked that the October 15, 2018, minutes reflect that Mr. Harris and Mr. Slaughter left the room and recused themselves during the Project Phoenix update in executive session. With those changes noted, Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018, MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason informed the Board that Summers, Green and LeRoux, LLP stepped down as our auditor, and we are now in search of a new auditor.

There was a motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Gardner to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address legal matters with Project Phoenix and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. The motion passed unanimously. There was then discussion of the need to go into Executive Session to consider the aforementioned, at the conclusion of which there was a motion by Mr. Bailey and a second by Mr. Gardner to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Harris and Mr. Slaughter left the room and recused themselves during the Project Phoenix discussion. Chairman Luckett then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss legal matters with Project Phoenix and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. Chairman Luckett convened an Executive Session for this purpose. Mr. Gardner 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 open session. The following actions were taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Chairman:

Mr. Deason gave an update to the Board that an Ingress and Egress Easement was granted to Canton Logistics and Warehousing, LLC for Commercial Parkway and the easement will be recorded at the Chancery Clerk's office.

Mr. Deason attended the European American Investment Council (EAIC) Annual Meeting and Conference in October where he met with consultants and site selectors.

Ms. Winningham provided an updated for the ACT WorkReady Communities initiative. Madison County should receive the 100% designation this month, and MCEDA will plan an announcement with workforce and education partners for the official designation.

Mr. Deason informed the Board that the Madison County Business League and Foundation contract for workforce development was in process.

Ms. Winningham informed the Board about an Open House and Broker's Luncheon that will be held at the Collaboratory on December 4, 2018 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

MCEDA is an Entrepreneur Level sponsor of the Innovate Mississippi Annual Conference on Innovation to be held November 13 and 14, 2018.

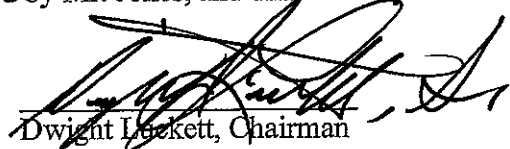
Mr. Deason informed the Board that the B&B Electric property was sold, and the money is in the bank.

Ms. Scheel provided an overview of the Sales Tax Revenue for the month.


Mr. Deason shared informational videos with the board featuring Musee Bath's production and the 60 minutes video about economic development in the Mississippi Golden Triangle.

The travel schedule for MCEDA staff includes: University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute, OneMS Atlanta, and the Site Selectors Guild.

At 10:42 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.


Dwight Leekett, Chairman

ATTEST:


Ed Gardner, Secretary Treasurer