

FINAL MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2019, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2019, 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 14<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

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

Staff: Joseph Deason, Taquana Mack, Danielle Winningham, Attorney Arthur Jernigan

Guests: Jan Collins, Barney Daly, Serena Tolar

At 8:35 a.m., Chairman Jones 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. Harris made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2019 MCEDA Special Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Bailey, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Gibert asked that an income statement report be provided in the financial reports.

Ms. Jan Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation provided a report and a calendar of events for the next upcoming months. She stated that her assistant, Serena Tolar, would be leaving and would be greatly missed. Mr. Barney Daly, Vice-Chairman of the MCBL&F board, was also present and greeted the board.

There was a motion by Mr. Gibert and a second by Mr. Harris to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address legal matters with Project Phoenix, Personnel, 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. Harris and a second by Mr. Luckett to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted. Chairman Jones then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss the legal matters with Project Phoenix, Personnel, and the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or

expansion of a business or industry. Chairman Jones convened an Executive Session for this purpose. Mr. Luckett made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the open session. The following actions were discussed in Executive Session and were then reported to the meeting by the Chairman in open session and the following action was taken:

Upon Motion duly made by Mr. Bailey and properly seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board unanimously approved an amendment to the Executive Director's contract to provide for an automatic one year extension on the anniversary date each year to make the contract a rolling three year term and also to provide for a Two Thousand and No/100 Dollar (\$2,000) per month car allowance said amount to be paid directly to the executive director by the Madison County Business League and Foundation.

Upon Motion duly made by Mr. Slaughter and properly seconded by Mr. Harris, the Board approves and authorizes the MCEDA Executive Director to sign and execute the MCEDA Mega Site 2019 Annexation Agreement between MCEDA and the City of Canton contingent upon authorization by the 2019 Mississippi Legislature allowing both parties to enter into the long term agreement (30 years) and contingent upon final review of any changes and approval to the 30 year Long Term Annexation agreement by MCEDA Board Attorney (Arthur Jernigan) and Jones Walker Attorney (Chris Pace).

Mr. Deason stated that MCEDA will send a demand letter and will inform the board on the response and how MCEDA should move forward regarding Terra Holdings – Bear Creek Easement about MCEDA.

Mr. Deason along with Madison County Supervisors and other guests will travel to Washington, D.C. regarding the Build Grant for Reunion Phase 1 and 2 in April.

MCEDA will submit an application for a site development grant with the Delta Regional Authority that will be used for a portion of the Mega Site. An application for the Entergy Grant will also be submitted.

Ms. Winningham has been working with Ms. Collins and MCBL&F on workforce development and has been making tremendous progress.

MCEDA will host a human resource roundtable luncheon for existing industries on March 28<sup>th</sup> and the Quarterly Economic Development Outlook breakfast will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Deason stated that he is working to get the Canton Annexation agreement signed and returned.

Mr. Gibert made a motion to authorize Mr. Deason to sign a letter on behalf of MCEDA in support of the Connect America Now Rural Broadband Initiative that will be sent to the Chairman of the FCC. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

There will be travel in the upcoming weeks to the Site Selector's Guild, TBIC, One MS, and the CEcD exam.

At 10:34 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Harris and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.



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Doug Jones, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Tracy Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer