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## MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2019, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 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 18<sup>TH</sup> day of July 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the MCEDA Office at 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, MS.

Members Present: Doug Jones, Lanny Slaughter, Gerard Gibert, Dwight Luckett

Staff: Joseph Deason, Taquana Mack, Lauren Scheel, and Attorney Arthur Jernigan

Guests: Jan Collins, Cecil Harper, Sheila Jones

At 8:37 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.

Chairman Jones opened the meeting with a prayer.

Chairman Jones stated that Item F- MCEDA Megasite, would be added to the agenda. Mr. Gibert made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019, MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Tracy Bailey was unable to attend the meeting so the approval of the financial reports will be voted on at the next scheduled board meeting.

Ms. Jan Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation provided a report and a calendar of events for the next upcoming months. Mr. Cecil Harper, Chairman of the MCBL&F Board, was also present and greeted the MCEDA board.

There was a motion by Mr. Gibert and a second by Mr. Slaughter 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. Slaughter and a second by Mr. Gibert 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 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. Slaughter made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Luckett, there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the open session. The following actions were taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Chairman:

## No Actions Were Taken

Mr. Deason and Ms. Scheel attended the Mississippi Economic Development Council's annual conference that was held July 10-12, 2019. Mr. Deason was also a panel moderator during one of the sessions.

Ms. Winningham informed the board that the Workforce Development Donation agreement was approved with Madison County Schools. Ms. Winningham will also be attending the ACT Workforce Summit in October.

Mr. Deason showed the board the Mississippi Chair map highlighting where the majority of the Chairs are located in the state.

Mr. Luckett made a motion to nominate Gerard Gibert, Tracy Bailey, Calvin Harris, and Doug Jones to serve on the 2019-2020 MCBL&F Board. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason stated that MCEDA acquired quotes for the cleaning and grubbing of the Megasite. Outdoor Solutions was selected and are already on site.

Ms. Scheel shared the Madison County June sales tax revenue spreadsheet. She stated that there was an increase for Madison County for the month.

Mr. Deason informed the Board that MCEDA has entered into contract with Civil Link Engineering on the MCEDA Megasite spine road. The contract is for \$63,000.00.

At 9:45 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Luckett, seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

Doug Jones, Chairman

ATTEST.

Tracy Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer