

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2019, REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE  
MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER  
2019, AT 8:30 A.M.  
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM  
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,  
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

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

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

Guests: Jan Collins, Mary Kate Rankin, Barney Daly

At 8:45 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.

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 August 8, 2019, MCEDA Board meeting. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was approved unanimously.

The financial reports for September 2019 will be voted on at the next board meeting since Secretary/Treasurer Bailey was not present.

Ms. Jan Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation (MCBL&F) provided a report and a calendar of events including initiatives such as workforce development, entrepreneurship, young professionals, youth leadership, and the upcoming Vision Celebration. Mr. Barney Daly, Vice-Chairman of the MCBL&F Board, was also present and greeted the MCEDA board.

There was a motion by Mr. Slaughter and a second by Mr. Luckett 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. Gibert 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 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. 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 open session. The following actions were taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Chairman:

No Actions Were Taken

Ms. Scheel gave a report on the Existing Industry Survey that was emailed to the existing industry database. She provided a review of the results. She also reminded the board of the upcoming HR Roundtable that will be held at the Canton WIN Job center.

Mr. Deason advised the Board that MCEDA has been conditionally approved for the Delta Regional Authority grant and that it will be necessary to execute certain documents in connection with the Grant. Mr. Gibert then made a motion to authorize the Executive Director, Joseph Deason, to execute any and all documents related to the Delta Regional Authority grant. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason reported to the board that MCEDA and the MCBL&F are continuing to work together to form sector councils.

Mr. Deason stated that there has been discussion on changing the Madison Megasite name and asked for suggestions. MCEDA will be hosting an Industry Event towards the end of October and he is hoping the name change could be unveiled at that time.

Mr. Deason will provide a summary page of the TIF policy and guidelines to share with the board at the next meeting.

Mr. Deason reported on the Flora Industrial Park rezoning application and shared with the board the potential processes it would take to rezone.


The Walker Family has asked for an extension to continue to utilize the barn on the Megasite until the end of the year.

Mr. Deason stated at the next meeting there will be discussions on upcoming MCEDA board elections.

Mr. Lockett made a motion authorizing Mr. Deason to advertise for bids for the construction of the Madison County Mega Site Access Road and to grant Mr. Deason authority to execute the MOA. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason updated the board on his upcoming trip to CIBUS Tech in Italy.

At 10:03 a.m., upon a motion made by Mr. Slaughter, seconded by Mr. Gibert, and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Doug Jones, Chairman

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Tracy Bailey, Secretary/Treasurer