

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2020, BOARD MEETING OF THE  
MADISON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AND CONDUCTED AT 8:30 A.M.  
IN THE MCEDA CONFERENCE ROOM  
OF THE MCEDA OFFICES AT 135 MISSISSIPPI PARKWAY,  
CANTON, MISSISSIPPI

Members Present: Gerard Gibert, Doug Jones

Members attending by Zoom/Phone: Lanny Slaughter, Ed Gardner, Dwight Luckett

Staff Present: Attorney Arthur Jernigan, Joseph Deason, Stacy Lester

Staff attending by Zoom/Phone: Taquana Mack

Guests Present by Zoom/Phone: Wesley Goings, Jan Collins

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At 8:38 a.m., Vice-Chairman Gibert announced that the members present in person and telephonically constituted a quorum, declared the meeting duly convened and directed that the notice for the board meeting be filed with the minutes. The Board members acknowledged by their attendance that they waived any formal notice of the meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Jones led in prayer.

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

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular MCEDA board meeting on November 9, 2020. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Luckett made a motion to approve the minutes of the special MCEDA board meeting on December 4, 2020. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Jones stated the financial reports and reconciliation reports have been reviewed and he recommends approval. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. After a second by Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Jan Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation provided an update and report as well as Mr. Wesley Goings was in attendance via Zoom.

Mr. Deason reported that the Project Pine Access Road invoices (Southern Rock, Civil Link, APAC) have all been paid and asked the board to acknowledge those payments.

Mr. Deason stated that 420 acres of the MegaSite is in need of mulching and asked for board approval to request bids it. Mr. Jones made a motion authorizing the request of bids for the mulching of the 420 acres at the Megasite. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the Southern Rock pay app #9 for the road construction at the MegaSite. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason stated that Vision First will be conducting a comprehensive marketing and strategic plan for the Megasite and asked for board approval to enter into contract.

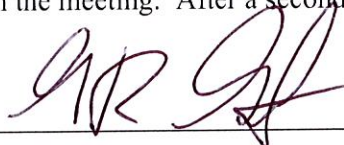
Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the Vision First comprehensive marketing and strategic plan contract for the MegaSite up to \$107,000. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason updated the board on the Collaboratory tenants that are no longer in the building. FEMA, GTI, and Telehealth have all moved out.

There was a motion by Secretary/Jones and a second by Mr. Lockett to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to address 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. Jones and a second by Vice-Chair Gibert to do so. This motion was unanimously adopted. Vice-Chairman Gibert then opened the meeting to announce publicly that the Board was going into Executive Session to discuss the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. Vice-Chairman Gibert convened an Executive Session for this purpose. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Gardner, 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 Vice-Chairman:

No Actions Were Taken

At 9:34 a.m. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Gerard Gibert, Vice-Chairman  
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Doug Jones, Secretary/Treasurer