

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021, 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: Ed Gardner, Calvin Harris, Dwight Luckett, Lanny Slaughter  
Staff Present: Attorney Arthur Jernigan, Joey Deason, Stacy Lester, Lauren Scheel, Emily Harrison  
Staff Attending by Zoom/Phone: Taquana Mack  
Guest Present: Jan Collins, Chad Wages  
Guests Present by Zoom/Phone: Wesley Goings

8:33 a.m. Mr. Gibert announced that the members present in person and telephonically constituted a quorum and declared the meeting 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.

Vice-Chairman Jones led in prayer.

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

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on January 14, 2021. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Ms. Jan Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation provided an update and report.

Mr. Deason reviewed the bid process for the MegaSite Mulching and recommended awarding Outdoor Solution's bid for the sum of \$259,000.00. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the bid. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested acknowledgement of the Civil Link invoice for services regarding the design and construction for the Project Pine Access Road Payment. Mr. Luckett made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason provided an update on the Collaboratory building and let the Board know the Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners would be moving out at the end of the month and

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the WIN Job Center would be the only remaining tenant. Mr. Deason requested authorization to bid for quotes to renovate the unoccupied areas of the Collaboratory building into manufacturing space. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gardner the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason informed the Board, MCEDA would be applying for the 2021 Entergy Excellerator Grant. Mr. Deason reported that MCEDA was awarded the grant previously in 2019.

Mr. Deason requested approval to pay the Southern Rock Pay App #10 at \$13,170.59 and the Southern Rock Pay App #11 at \$36,095.75 for DRA related to the MegaSite access road. Mr. Luckett made a motion to approve both Southern Rock Pay Apps. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Wages with Civil Link Engineering provided an update on the bid process for the Highway 22 and MegaSite Access Road improvements. Mr. Deason requested approval to award the bid to Simmons Erosion Control at a sum of \$1,537,205.95. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval to sale two acres of the Flora Industrial Park to Tony's Tamales (Project Good) at a cost of \$10,000 per acre. Mr. Luckett made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Luckett and a second by Mr. Gardner to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session for the purpose to address the transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. The motion passed unanimously. There was then discussion of the need to stay in Executive Session to discuss the items as set forth on the Agenda. Upon motion by Mr. Jones and a second by Mr. Slaughter the motion to remain in executive session was unanimously adopted. Chairman Gibert then stated publicly that the Board was in Executive session to discuss transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding location, relocation, or expansion of a business or industry. After the Board room was cleared, Mr. Deason brought several matters before the Board for discussion purposes only and there was no action taken regarding same. Mr. Slaughter then 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 meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m. by Chairman Gerard Gibert.

**Gerard Gibert**

Gerard Gibert, Chairman

**Dwight J. Luckett, Sr.**

Dwight Luckett, Secretary/Treasurer

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