

MINUTES
 Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority
 Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
 MCEDA Conference Room
 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

Members in Attendance:

Gerard Gibert	Doug Jones	Dwight Lockett (Phone)
Ed Gardner (Zoom)	Calvin Harris (Phone)	Lanny Slaughter (Phone)

Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Arthur Jernigan	Joey Deason	Stacy Lester
Lauren Scheel	Taquana Mack (Zoom)	Emily Harrison

Guests in Attendance:

Jan Collins	Chad Wages	
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At 8:31 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. Jones made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on February 11, 2021. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason presented the financial reports and reconciliation reports and stated they have been reviewed and he recommends approval. Secretary/Treasurer Lockett 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 proposed changing the regularly scheduled July 8, 2021 MCEDA Monthly Board Meeting date to Thursday, July 15 due to the Independence Day Holiday taking place that week. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the date change. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval for payment for \$39,500 to Outdoor Solutions for the Madison MegaSite Forestry Mulching work performed. Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve the payment. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason presented Invoice No. 75101 from Civil Link for professional engineering services related to design and construction administration for the Project Pine Access Road Payment and related matters. No action was required.

Ms. Lester reported the March 1, 2021 deadline for the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption had passed and there were three applications received from Axiall (Westlake Chemical), Unipres, and Tower Automotive. More information will be presented before the board in the next couple of months.

Mr. Deason presented updates on the Madison MegaSite Master Plan Layout and on the Madison MegaSite Mulching to the Board.

Ms. Mack requested approval to make changes to the signature cards for the MCEDA Bank Accounts. She requested to remove Mr. Ed Gardner and Mr. Tracy Bailey from the accounts and add Mr. Gerard Gibert, Mr. Dwight Lockett, and Ms. Stacy Lester. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the changes. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Slaughter and a second by Mr. Jones 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. Gardner 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. Mr. Jones then 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 taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Chairman:

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the Executive Director to sign an option agreement for the Costas property. After a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. by Chairman Gerard Gibert.



Gerard Gibert, Chairman



Dwight Lockett, Secretary/Treasurer