

**MINUTES**  
 Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority  
 Thursday, April 8, 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)	Wint McGee
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	Wesley Goings	Chad Wages
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At 8:30 a.m. Mr. Gibert announced that the members present in person and telephonically constituted a quorum and convened the regular monthly meeting of the Board.

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 March 11, 2021. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason stated there were no March Financial Reports to review and approve. Both the March and April Financial Reports will be presented at the May 13, 2021 Board Meeting.

Ms. Jan Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation provided an update and report as well as Wesley Goings, MCBL&F Board President, greeted the Board. Ms. Collins informed the Board of the Economic Outlook featuring guest speakers Joey Deason and Michael Monk would take place Wednesday, April 14.

Mr. Deason reviewed the Professional Services related to design and construction for the Project Pine main access road.

Mr. Deason requested approval for payment to Outdoor Solutions for Pay Apps No. 2 (\$37,700) and No. 3 (\$26,000) for MegaSite mulching. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the payment. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason reported on the Mississippi State University land study that has been taking place for over a year on the Parkway East property. The study went extremely well and MSU is going to extend the study to record songbirds on the property.


Ms. Lester reported on the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption process and recommended approval for the following three companies: Axiall (Westlake Chemical), Unipres, and Tower Automotive. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions as presented. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Slaughter and a second by Mr. Gardner to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the need for an Executive Session to discuss the transaction of business regarding the 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. Luckett 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 negotiations regarding the 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. Luckett 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 following actions were taken in Executive Session and were then reported by the Chairman:


Mr. Jones made a motion authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with a third-party company for a Spec Building on the Madison MegaSite and authority to sell three acres of the Canton Commercial & Industrial Center south of the Wal-Mart property for \$375,000 contingent on Board Chairman and Board Attorney review and approval. After a second from Mr. McGee, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deason introduced Mr. Wint McGee who has been appointed to the MCEDA Board by Supervisor Gerald Steen.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m. by Chairman Gerard Gibert.

  
Gerard R. Gibert (May 17, 2021 10:40 CDT)

Gerard Gibert, Chairman

  
Dwight J. Luckett, Sr. (May 17, 2021 14:13 CDT)

Dwight Luckett, Secretary/Treasurer