

MINUTES
 Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority
 Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.
 MCEDA Conference Room
 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

Members in Attendance:

Gerard Gibert	Doug Jones	Calvin Harris (Phone)
Wint McGee	Lanny Slaughter (Phone)	

Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Arthur Jernigan	Joey Deason	Emily Harrison
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Guests in Attendance:

Jan Collins	Wesley Goings	Chad Wages
Shannon Adams	Ken Guthrie	

At 8:32 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. Harris made a motion to adopt the agenda. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on April 8, 2021. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

On behalf of Treasurer/Secretary Luckett, Mr. Deason reviewed the March and April Financials. Mr. Deason confirmed he had spoken with Mr. Luckett about the financials. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the March and April Minutes. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Guthrie with Matthews, Cutrer, and Lindsay, P.A. presented the Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for the Years Ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 to the Board. He provided a report with details of the audit.

Ms. Collins with the Madison County Business League and Foundation provided an update and report as well as Wesley Goings, MCBL&F Board President, who greeted the Board. Ms. Collins informed the Board of the next Economic Outlook featuring Joey Deason is scheduled for August 19, 2021 and the MCBL&F/MCEDA Annual Visions Event is scheduled for October 19, 2021.

Mr. Deason requested authorization for two change orders for APAC MS, inc. and Simmons Erosion Control. Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the change orders. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deason reviewed Project Pine Access Road Payment to Civil Link, Pay App No. 6 for Southern Rock Access Road, and Pay App No. 1 for Simmons Erosion Control Access Road.

Mr. Deason informed the Board that MCEDA currently has a seat open on the MCBL&F Board which needs to be filled. Mr. Harris made a motion to appoint Wint McGee to the MCBL&F Board. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deason requested a five percent pay raise for MCEDA Employees Lauren Scheel and Taquana Mack due to performance. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the raises. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deason requested approval for payment to Outdoor Solutions for Pay App No. 4 (\$36,272) Mega Site mulching. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the payment. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Slaughter and a second by Mr. Harris 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. McGee and a second by Mr. Jones 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. Jones then made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. McGee 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 negotiate the sale of 6 acres of the Canton Commercial & Industrial Center south of the Wal-Mart property for no less than \$650,000, contingent on Board Attorney review and approval. After a second from Mr. Slaughter, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jones made a motion authorizing the Executive Director to sign a Letter of Intent for sale of the Collaboratory Building for \$3.5 million contingent on Board Attorney review and approval. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McGee made a motion authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract for sale of 22 acres of the Commercial Parkway West property for \$330,000. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion passed unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. by Chairman Gerard Gibert.



Gerard Gibert, Chairman



Dwight J. Lockett, Sr. (Jun 11, 2021 10:00 CDT)

Dwight Lockett, Secretary/Treasurer