

<p>MINUTES</p> <p>Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. MCEDA Conference Room 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi</p>
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Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

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

Guests in Attendance:

Jan Collins	Wesley Goings	Chad Wages
Lisa Williams		

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

Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on July 15, 2021. After a second by Mr. Jones, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Special Called Board Meeting on July 20, 2021. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Secretary/Treasurer Lockett reviewed the July Financials. Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve the July Financials. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Deason requested approval to donate surplus MCEDA furniture currently located at the Collaboratory Building to the City of Gluckstadt. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved. Gluckstadt Alderman Lisa Williams greet and thanked the Board for the motion.

Mr. Deason brought forth a discussion regarding moving the starting time for all future MCEDA Monthly Board Meetings. Mr. Gardner made a motion going forward for meetings to begin at 8 a.m. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason updated the Board aware that the CMPDD Lease at the Collaboratory Building will be expiring on September 30, 2021 and they will not be renewing the lease.

Mr. Deason requested acknowledgement of the Civil Link invoice for services regarding the design and construction for the Project Pine Access Road in the sum of 18,049.50. Mr. Gardner made a motion of acknowledgement. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason shared results of the Clearing and Grubbing bid and recommended awarding the bid to Fowler Construction. Mr. Gardner made a motion to award the bid to Fowler Construction. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval for MCEDA to provide Matching DIP Grant Funds to the City of Flora not to exceed 10% of the contract value or up to \$6,000. Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason recommended approving the Clearing and Grubbing of MCEDA Sulphur Springs and Highway 17 property to Outdoor Management Solutions. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested acknowledgement of the Civil Link invoice for Simmons Erosion Control Pay App No. 4 in the sum of \$333,309.09. Mr. Jones made a motion of acknowledgement. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.


Mr. Deason requested acknowledgement of the Civil Link invoice for Southern Rock Pay App No. 7 in the sum of \$473,580.50. Mr. Jones made a motion of acknowledgement. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval for Pay App No. 1 to Blurton and Banks for Clearing and Grubbing at the Madison Mega Site for \$48,475. Mr. McGee made a motion to approve payment. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.


There was a motion by Mr. Harris and a second by Mr. Lockett 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. Slaughter 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 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 and there was no action taken. Mr. Jones 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 9:23 a.m. by Chairman Gerard Gibert.

August 12, 2021



Gerard Gibert, Chairman



Dwight Lockett, Secretary/Treasurer