

MINUTES
 Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority
 Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
 MCEDA Conference Room
 135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

Members in Attendance:

Gerard Gibert	Doug Jones	Dwight Lockett (Phone)
Calvin Harris	Wint McGee	

Staff in Attendance:

Attorney Skip Jernigan	Joey Deason	Lauren Scheel
Emily Harrison	Andrea Brown	

Guests in Attendance:

Jan Collins	Chad Wages	
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At 8:01 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. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on January 20, 2022. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason reviewed the January Financials. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the January Financials. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

In accordance with the MCEDA By-Laws, Vice-Chairman Jones moved up to the Chairman Position. Secretary/Treasurer Lockett moved up to the Vice-Chairman position. Mr. Harris mad a motion for Mr. McGee to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer. After a second by Mr. Gardner, 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 in the sum of \$28,624.50. Mr. Lockett made a motion of acknowledgement. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested authorization to advertise for MCEDA Mega Site Landscaping at the Park Entrance. Mr. Harris made a motion to approved. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested acknowledgement of the Civil-Link invoice for services regarding design and construction for the Project Pine Access Road for \$18,915.00. Mr. Jones made a motion to approved. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval for Project Pine Contract Amendment No. 2. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval to award construction services for Walker Drive at the Madison County Mega Site to H2 sq for in the amount of \$42,050.00. Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. McGee, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason informed the board the MCEDA staff would be applying for the 2022 Entergy Accelerator Grant and requested approval for a cost-matching of half the grant amount. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Jones. The motion was unanimously approved.


Ms. Scheel provided a high-level overview of the VisionFirst Advisors marketing material on the Madison County Mega Site provided for the contract executed in 2021 .

There was a motion by Mr. Jones 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. McGee and a second by Mr. Harris 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. McGee then made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Harris 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:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m. by Chairman Gerard Gibert.



Doug Jones, Chairman



Wint McGee (Mar 10, 2022 10:50 CST)

Wint McGee, Secretary/Treasurer