

**MINUTES**

Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority  
Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.  
MCEDA Conference Room  
135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

**Members in Attendance:**

Gerard Gibert (Zoom)	Douglas Jones	Lanny Slaughter (Phone)
Calvin Harris	Wint McGee (Zoom)	Dwight Luckett
Ed Gardner		

**Staff in Attendance:**

Attorney Skip Jernigan	Joey Deason	Lauren Scheel
Emily Harrison	Andreau Brown	

**Guests in Attendance:**

Mary Kate Rankin	Chad Wages	Ray Balentine
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At 8:02 a.m. Chairman Jones announced that the members present in person and telephonically constituted a quorum and convened the regular monthly meeting of the Board.

Vice-Chairman Luckett led in prayer.

Mr. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on June 9, 2022. After a second by Mr. Slaughter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason reviewed the June Financials. Secretary/Treasurer McGee made a motion to approve the May Financials. After a second by Mr. Luckett, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Deason brought up for discussion to move the Thursday, August 11, 2022 Board Meeting date due to conflict for the MCEDA Board. The board agreed to move the August meeting to Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 8 a.m.

Mr. Deason requested acknowledgement of The Madison Landscape Co. Pay App No. 2 in the sum of \$117,819.53 Mr. Harris made a motion to acknowledge. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested acknowledgement of Project Pine Access Road payment in the sum of \$4,813.39. Mr. Luckett made a motion to acknowledge. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested acknowledgement of Aaliyah Archie serving at the MCEDA Summer Intern. Mr. Luckett made a motion to acknowledge. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval to transfer MCEDA right-of-way easements to Madison County pending the Board of Supervisors approval. Mr. Harris made a motion to approve. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Gardner and a second by Mr. Slaughter 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. Gardner and a second by Mr. Lockett the motion to remain in executive session was unanimously adopted. Chairman Jones 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. Gardner 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:

Mr. Harris made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to sale 21.44 acres of MCEDA property to Headwaters. After a second by Mr. Gardner, the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Jones

  
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Wint McGee, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Douglas Jones, Chairman