

**MINUTES**

Board Meeting of the Madison County Economic Development Authority  
Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.  
MCEDA Conference Room  
135 Mississippi Parkway, Canton, Mississippi

**Members in Attendance:**

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

**Staff in Attendance:**

Attorney Skip Jernigan	Joey Deason	Emily Harrison
Andreau Brown		

**Guests in Attendance:**

Jan Collins	Chad Wages	Charlotte Seals
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At 8:01 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 Lockett led in prayer.

Mr. Gibert made a motion to approve the minutes of the MCEDA Board Meeting on September 8, 2022. After a second by Mr. Harris, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

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

Mr. Deason requested acknowledgement of the final Civil-Link invoice for services regarding the design and construction for the Project Pine Access Road in the sum of \$5,527.50. Mr. McGee made a motion of acknowledgement. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deason requested approval of Jones Hardscapes, LLC Pay App. No 3 for the construction of the Mega Site Entrance Sign in the sum of \$2,450. Mr. Lockett made a motion of acknowledgement. After a second by Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

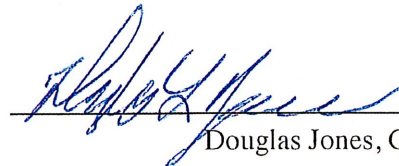
Mr. Deason brought forth for discussion the possibility of a MCEDA purchasing a Nissan Vehicle.

Mr. Deason requested approval to execute an Entergy Right-of-Way easement on Primos Parkway. Mr. McGee made a motion of acknowledgement. After a second by Mr. Lockett, the motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Luckett and a second by Mr. McGee 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. Gibert and a second by Mr. McGee 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. McGee then made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. After a second by Mr. Luckett 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. Luckett made a motion to approve the hire of Larkin Simpson as Chief Operating Officer for MCEDA with a start date of November 1, 2022, a salary of \$150,000, relocation costs, and a \$2,000 stipend for a period of no more than six months or until current residence sales. After a second by Mr. Gibert, the motion was unanimously approved.

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

  
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Douglas Jones, Chairman

  
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Wint McGee (Nov 10, 2022 11:40 CST)

Wint McGee, Secretary/Treasurer